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GOLF PROFESSIONAL Brian Soczka practices putting on the 18th green at Mira Vista Country Club & Golf Course, in El Cerrito on Wednesday. The club, which will soon celebrate its 82nd year, is located on the 18th green at the club, which will soon celebrate its 82nd year.

The 'hidden jewel' in the hills

Along with breathtaking views, the 82-year-old Mira Vista Golf & Country Club has the best of old and new

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The beautiful Mira Vista Golf & Country Club has been a fixture in the El Cerrito hills for 82 years. With its undulating fairways and spectacular panoramic view of San Francisco Bay, it has often been called "the East Bay's hidden jewel." Hardly anyone knows it's there.

"We like the 'jewel' part, but we're a little crazy about the 'hidden,'" says

General Manager Robert Sparks. "We want to get the word out that we're here as a resource for the community. We're also trying to counter golf's image as an elitist sport."

To that end, the club is inaugurating an outreach program that will provide free practice and match time to local high-school and college golf teams. The club is also offering its facilities at cost to local charities for their fund-raising golf tournaments.

And those facilities are pretty posh, thanks to a million-dollar renovation program that the club will unveil on its 82nd birthday on Tuesday. Gone is the old pro shop, a World War II-era Quonset hut that was hauled up the hill from the Mare Island Naval Station after the war. It has been replaced by a brand new Tudor-

style structure that blends perfectly with the original Old English Tudor Manor clubhouse designed in the 1920s by architect Walter H. Ratcliff.

There's also a new locker room for the male members — the women's locker room was renovated a few years ago — featuring mahogany lockers, each with the member's name inscribed on a brass nameplate.

But the biggest changes are those you can't see, like the new computer-controlled watering and drainage system on the greens and fairways. Mira Vista is the PacBell Park of golf courses: high-tech on the inside and retro on the outside. In many ways, the course looks more like it did in the 1920s, when it was built by the great Scottish course designer William (Willie) Watson, than it has

for years.

"We've extended the roughs and put back Watson's bunkers, which were gradually eliminated in the '40s and '50s to make play easier," says Ken Kipp of El Cerrito, a member for 43 years. "But we don't want to get too retro. If we made the fairways like the original fairways at St. Andrews when golf was invented, nobody would be able to play the course."

Among the club's members, past and present: Nobel laureate Luis Alvarez, basketball great Bill Russell, former UC Berkeley President Charles Hitch, baseball Hall-of-Famer Joe Morgan, former Raider Clem Daniels, and former mayor of San Francisco Art Agnos, who has mea-

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Voters may have say on plan for GGF

■ Plan could still change, but currently may not meet Measure C requirements

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A commercial development proposed for the west side of the Golden Gate Fields racetrack may fall so far outside the activities allowed by a city waterfront-protection law that it may have to go to the voters for approval, city officials say.

Measure C, passed in 1990, calls for primarily water-oriented development on the waterfront and it requires voter approval of any project that isn't consistent with the city's general plan and zoning code.

Earlier this year, Magna Entertainment Corp., which owns Golden Gate Fields, proposed a combination commercial and entertainment complex along the Berkeley and Albany waterfront west of the racetrack. The project, dubbed Rancho San

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Salary increase for firefighters still in limbo

By Alan Lopez
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ALBANY — A bond measure meant to increase the salaries of city firefighters is passing by a paper-thin margin, and the outcome could change as votes trickle in.

Measure G, which would raise the city's emergency medical tax from \$30.84 to \$57.53 was passing this week by eight votes, or 66.8 percent.

Measure G needs a two-thirds majority, or 66.6 percent of the vote to pass. The total number of votes in favor of Measure G is 3,213 versus 1,598 votes opposed.

"It's been a nail-biter. It could change again," said Albany Fire Chief Marc McGinn.

As of Tuesday, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters was still counting 15,000 provisional ballots and 7,000 absentee ballots countywide,

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Albany students top state standards in API tests

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Though it's just an indicator of how well schools are doing, a comprehensive test score released for three of the Albany Unified School District schools shows students in the district are exceeding state standards.

Cornell, Marin and Ocean View elementary schools and Albany Middle School each received a score for the Academic Performance Index (API) ranging from 852 to 883 — above the state performance target of 800. In addition, each school showed improvement in the scores, except Albany Middle School, which dropped a few points.

"I think we feel very good about (the scores)," said Albany Unified School District School Board president David Farrell. "We believe in using various measures. More important is the judgment of teachers in terms of what the students need and how they're progressing."

The API consists of several different tests given as part of the state's California's Public Schools Accountability Act, passed a few years ago. The scores are in-

tended to be compared year to year to see how students are performing.

Tests are given on a variety of subjects, including English, math, spelling and at the high-school level, social studies, science and some higher math.

In the past, money has been awarded to schools that see score increases, though the awards have been discontinued because of state budget problems.

In Albany, there has been some controversy and debate about the testing. At Albany High School, just over 10 percent of the students opted out of the test and therefore the school received no score.

"It takes five to 10 days for testing," Farrell said. "We want more money for richer programs rather than testing what they know. It's a great toll on teachers too."

At the other schools, however, upward of 95 percent of all students took the test, with 100 percent of students tested at Cornell Elementary School.

Cornell received a score of 852, 16 points higher than the

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Famed El Cerrito Christmas figures to return

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Glad tidings for El Cerritans and everyone who treasures the spirit of Christmas: After an absence of six years, the Shadi sculptures are coming back. They'll be on display next month at the corner of Moeser Lane and Arlington Boulevard.

"This is the best news we could possibly have," says former Mayor Marge Collins. "This city has been in mourning ever since Mr. Shadi died last spring."

Sundar Shadi was one of the most beloved figures in El Cerrito history. From 1949 until failing eyesight forced him to retire in 1996, he brightened everyone's holiday season with the elaborate Nativity display — featuring wise men, doves, sheep, lambs, angels, shepherds, cows, horses, donkeys, dogs, camels and Bibles — that he erected on his sprawling hillside yard on the Arlington.

Tourists by the charter busload used to come from as far away as Sacramento and San Jose — more than 70,000 each year, by conservative estimate.

For many people around here, Sundar Shadi was Christmas. He was a real-life Santa Claus who gave his neighbors something more precious than toys —

namely, the true spirit of the holiday. The incredible work did every year was his gift of love to them.

When Shadi retired in 1996, then-Mayor Jean Siri spoke for many when she said, "I feel a great vacancy. First it was my tradition, then my kids' tradition, and now my grandchildren's tradition."

But the people of El Cerrito refused to let the tradition die. Under the leadership of another former mayor, Jane Bartke, the El Cerrito Community Foundation and the Soroptimist Club have been working to restore the Shadi sculptures, which have deteriorated since his retirement, back to their former glory.

Retired art teacher Phyllis Brown is in charge of repainting the faces. Marie Pike and Marilyn Bracelino are reconstructing the clothing, which had fallen into tatters. Former Mayor Mae Ritz is repainting the tiny houses. Bartke and Janet Jacobson are washing the sheep. Pam Challinor and Bartke's sister-in-law, Beth, are coordinating the reconstruction. And retired El Cerrito fireman Gordon White, who served as Shadi's chief helper

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A COMMUNITY EFFORT is behind the return of the holiday display of the late Sundar Shadi, pictured above in 1995.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

R&B, jazz to benefit music program

The Albany High School Jazz Band and Rhythm Bound, the Albany High rhythm and blues band, will perform at a benefit concert Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m., at Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, in Oakland.

The event will benefit the Albany Music Fund, an organization dedicated to preserving excellence and equity in music education in the Albany Unified School District.

The award-winning jazz band includes 21 musicians playing a spicy mix of jazz standards, swing tunes, funk rhythms, and Latin beats. This is their first performance of the year and their debut at Yoshi's.

Also performing will be Albany High School's rhythm and blues band, Rhythm Bound. The band captures the flavor of Motown, funk, and R&B from the '60s and '70s with four vocalists and strong instrumental backup.

Budget shortfalls have threatened to drastically reduce the Albany music program. This fund-raising concert is one in a series aimed at keeping high quality music education available to all students in Albany. Thousands of dollars must be raised to keep the music program at its current level of excellence, say organizers.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and under. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be available. For tickets call 510-559-8474 or e-mail ehchc@pacbell.net.

Residents asked to support Gill Tract

Two groups working to save the Gill Tract — 14.6 acres of agricultural land at Buchanan Street and San Pablo Avenue — are asking residents for support. Urban Roots and Friends of the Gill Tract want to preserve the land for agricultural research, a park, a community garden, a field laboratory or as a historical resource. The Gill Tract is slated to become ball fields as part of a plan to replace student housing at University Village. For more information, call 510-528-9141.

Berkeley

'Color Purple' author to appear at benefit

Alice Walker, author of "The Color Purple," will make an appearance at a benefit for Kensington feminist bookstore Boedecia's Books. The event will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 El Alameda in Berkeley. Tickets are on a sliding scale starting at \$25.

Walker won the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award for her novel "The Color Purple," which was turned into a feature film by Steven Spielberg.

Jazz and blues vocalist Brenda Boykin, accompanied by Eric Swinderman on guitar, will open for Walker. East Bay author Evelyn White will emcee the event. Details: 510-559-9184.

El Cerrito

Blood drive to be held at fire station

A blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18, at the El Cerrito fire station, 10900 San Pablo Ave. People who wish to donate blood

should make a reservation by calling 510-215-4315.

Academy salutes Blank's career

Independent filmmaker Les Blank will be honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences at 8 p.m. Nov. 22, at the Rafael Film Center, San Rafael.

"An Academy Salute to Les Blank" will continue on Nov. 23 and 24 with a weekend of screenings open to the public which will include five of Blank's films that have been preserved by the Academy Film Archive.

Details: 415-454-1222.

Richmond

Creek's friends to party with plants

The Friends of Baxter Creek will hold a work party from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16, at Mira Vista Park, to install a native plant demonstration garden, followed by a pizza party. Bring garden tools, gloves and creek boots, dress for the weather and be prepared to get a little muddy. Children under 13 should bring an adult. Mira Vista Park is located at Mount Street at Silva Avenue. Details: 510-231-5778 or apple@aoinstitute.org.

Kids hear stories, meet big red Clifford

Clifford the Big Red Dog will make a special guest appearance, appropriately enough, at "A Story Time With Clifford" from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday Nov. 16 at the Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza.

The free storytime event is sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa County (Children and Families Commission), and West County Reads (a nonprofit literacy group).

Books will be read in English and Spanish. Free backpacks and books will be handed out after the book readings. The event also includes prizes, a library tour, and help applying for a library card. Spanish, Laotian and Mien translators will be available.

Martinez

Contra Costa pushes 'green buildings'

Buildings in Contra Costa County may soon be more environmentally friendly, thanks to a contract approved by the Board of Supervisors this week.

Supervisors agreed to allow Frontier Associates, an Austin, Texas-based consulting firm, to train developers, contractors, government planners and others in the construction industry in "green building" techniques.

"Green building practices are sensible," explains county planner Lorna Thomson. "They're easy to learn."

Green buildings, Thomson says, conserve energy, use as little water and other resources as possible, are often made of recycled materials, are healthier for humans and, best of all, are cheaper to build and maintain in the long run.

Thomson says that Frontier Associates has already advised the county to educate the building community about green building, instead of simply legislating it.

"If you make it mandatory buildings will just build to the mandates but if you make it voluntary, they will often exceed the requirements," said Thomson.

— Staff reports

ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Nov. 4

■ **SUSPENDED LICENSE** — Officers stopped a black '94 Jeep on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 35-year-old Oakland woman, was found to have outstanding warrants — from Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Marin County for driving with a suspended license, no registration and no car insurance — totaling \$6,066. She was arrested, cited and released.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

■ **VEHICLE VANDALISM** — St. Mary's High School reported that vandals had damaged a black '90 Acura parked in the parking lot with paint and eggs. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, Nov. 7

■ **STORM DAMAGE** — During the storm there were several reports of fallen tree branches and power outages.

Friday, Nov. 8

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that thieves broke into her black '79 Honda Civic. There were no witnesses.

witnesses.

■ **INSTRUMENT STOLEN** — A resident on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue reported thieves had stolen an expensive music instrument from inside her unlocked white Subaru during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ **DISTURBANCE** — An auto business on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a woman was causing a disturbance in the parking lot. Officers contacted the 45-year-old transient woman and found she had an outstanding Albany warrant. She was transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **ASSAULT, ROBBERY** — At about 4:30 p.m. a resident reported that about 10 to 15 minutes prior he had been attacked, while near Terrace Park, by two subjects who brandished a knife, hit his friend in the eye and stole cash from them. He described the subjects as a black male, about 18 years old, about 6 feet tall, wearing a gray T-shirt and a white male, 6 feet tall with black hair wearing khaki pants. They were last seen heading toward St. Mary's High School. Police are investigating.

Saturday, Nov. 9

■ **DUI** — At about 3 a.m. officers stopped a white '90 Acura near Masonic Avenue and Dartmouth Street, for erratic driving. The driver, a 22-

year-old Albany man, was arrested for DUI, cited and released.

■ **THEFT** — At about 7 p.m. a business on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a thief described as a white male wearing a blue shirt had just stolen a VCR. The thief was last seen heading north on a bike and was gone when officers arrived.

Sunday, Nov. 10

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — During the night, thieves broke into a black Ford Mustang at 535 Pierce St. They smashed the front passenger window and stole the in-dash stereo.

■ **MAILBOX BREAK-IN** — Thieves also pried open mail boxes on the 700 block of Taft Street and dumped the mail out. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Thieves stole a gold '90 Nissan parked on the 900 block of Ordway Street.

Monday, Nov. 11

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a gold '94 Honda Accord parked on the 600 block of San Gabriel Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Thieves stole a red '89 Toyota Camry parked on the

EL CERRITO POLICE

Monday, Sept. 30

■ **ASSAULT** — A man arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol later assaulted and bit officers during the booking process. The man was charged with assault on a police officer and threats toward an officer. Both officers were treated at a hospital for their injuries and released.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

■ **ASSAULT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of assaulting and causing injuries to another person on the 3200 block of Santa Clara Avenue. During the investigation, officers collected a firearm for safekeeping and recovered several ounces of marijuana from the residence.

Thursday, Oct. 17

■ **EMBEZZLEMENT** — A Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of embezzling \$2,700 from PetCo, in El Cerrito Plaza. Police say the man was conducting fraudulent returns of merchandise and keeping the cash for

himself.

Friday, Oct. 18

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine during a traffic stop at San Pablo at Wenk avenues. The man was found to be on probation for prior drug-related offenses which resulted in the search of his home, where police found evidence of narcotic use and sales.

Friday, Nov. 1

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A man arrested on suspicion of stealing a bicycle from the front yard of a home on the 6500 block of Stockton Avenue was later found to be in possession of methamphetamine during the booking process.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A backpack and keys were taken from a vehicle on the 800 block of Shevlin Drive sometime between 2 p.m. on Nov. 1 and 9:30 a.m. the next day. A window of the vehicle had also been broken.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Submit information at least two weeks in advance to: Dora Scardina, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806. Fax: 510-262-2776.

Albany

Albany Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Hawaiian dance class 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays; there is a fee. Mercy Brown Bag program today. Home-delivered meals offered. Dinner 4 p.m. weekdays by reservation. 510-524-9122.

Berkeley

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1414 Walnut St. Classes include yoga and photography, holiday programs, Sunday brunches. Kosher lunch Monday and Thursday. 510-848-0237.

North Berkeley Senior Center — 8

a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1901 Hearst Ave. Dancing, sewing, ceramics and exercise. Movies 1 p.m. Thursdays and opera videos 1 p.m. Fridays. Diabetes education, housing information. Parkinson's disease and the art of moving will be the topic at 10 a.m. Monday. 510-981-5190.

South Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 2939 Ellis St. Tap dancing, ceramics, hat-making, line dancing, arts, crafts, painting, tai chi, gentle exercise, computer classes. 510-644-8109.

St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, 2727 College Ave. Arts and crafts, creative writing, computers, cultural studies, light exercises, ceramics, tap dancing, music and current events. Lunch at noon Tuesdays. 510-845-6830.

West Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1900 6th St. Bingo, ceramics, computers, quilting and other needlecrafts. Monthly birth-

day and holiday party will be 1 p.m. today. Black historical film 10 a.m. Nov. 22. 510-981-5180.

El Cerrito

El Cerrito Committee on Aging — 3 p.m. Wednesday at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, creative writing, current events, computers, needlecrafts and exercise. 510-524-1050.

St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave. Computers, needlecrafts, pressed-flower card-making, painting and drawing Tai chi 9:30-10:30 a.m. CHP Officer Greenfield will be the speaker

900 block of Peralta Avenue. A ver '86 Toyota pickup parked at 900 block of Pierce Street. The car also broke into a black '92 car parked on the 800 block of Route Boulevard. There were witnesses in any of these incidents.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Shortly after noon an El Cerrito resident reported that his '00 Ford Mustang was stolen from him by a thief with a gun. He was in the parking lot of the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. He described the thief as a black male in his late 20s wearing blue jeans. Police are investigating.

Summary

During the week of Nov. 4, there were six vehicles, reported to have false alarms, responded to by police, deceased animals and assistance people who were locked out of their house or car. In the domestic violence category, 19 calls were made, officers assisted with 19 calls, 19 calls and 154 civil assistance calls. 59 vehicles and 19 calls were stopped, 26 citations and 19 calls were issued. Firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and one medical emergency.

— K. G.

Saturday, Nov. 2

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 2001 Volkswagen Jetta was stolen from the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue sometime between 7 and 11:15 a.m.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — One man was arrested after shoplifting from Safeway with an accomplice and later returning to steal more items. The two men tried to hide in the store when police arrived. One of the men fled while the other was tackled and taken into custody after trying to run away.

Monday, Nov. 4

■ **BURGLARY** — A computer, jewelry and cash were stolen from a home on the 6900 block of Fairview Avenue sometime between 7:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The home was entered through an open bedroom window and the interior was also ransacked.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

■ **BURGLARY** — A laptop computer, cash and a video camera were stolen from a home on the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. The home

was entered through a sliding door.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A man off with a 1993 Lexus while he was attempting to put air in the tires having left the engine running. 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1994 Accord was stolen from the 1100 block of Julian Drive sometime between 8:17 p.m. on Nov. 5 and 8 a.m. the next day.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

■ **ROBBERY** — A man simulated a gun in his right front pocket with money from a cash register. He was attempting to rob a business at 3:30 p.m. on the 11300 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 2002 Tacoma was stolen from a driveway on the 5800 block of Central Ave. sometime between 8 and 10:30 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 2000 Mustang stolen from the El Cerrito High School auto shop was later located at Lincoln Avenue and La Street.

— Alan L.

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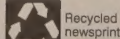
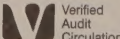
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A day of remembrance

The Veterans Day celebration at the Veterans Hall in Albany on Sunday, Ray Johnson, Karl Turne, Gus Grabin and Jack Sharkey (above). Veterans of Foreign Wars listen to the anthem (above). Music was performed by Albany Adult School Big Band (right).



Restaurant offers Nice taste of France, Italy

THE CREATION of her restaurant, Nizza La Bella, brought together many of Evelyn Slomon's life. The restaurant, she and her husband, Eleanor Triboletti, opened on San Pablo Avenue in Albany about three years ago. Slomon had looked into opening a place in Berkeley, but she wanted a smaller, intimate venue. She chose a site that had been a bistro for many years, Slomon's for 12 years. She had wanted to call it "Nice" — after the city on the French coast — but she was afraid that it would call it "nice," as in nice little restaurant. So she named it Nizza La Bella, which is the city of Nice in both French and Italian, the restaurant's menu blends French and Italian cuisines. Slomon was born on Long Island, N.Y., of a French father and a mother. Since her father was a French citizen, she is a citizen of both countries. She spent a great deal of time in France.

Slomon was interested in French cooking, but her mother couldn't see her doing that for a career, especially no women were in that time. Which was her degrees are in fine art. She did eventually obtain a degree in classical French cooking, she says, including an apprenticeship in a three-star restaurant. Slomon became an artist when she moved to New York. Slomon moved her heart into cooking and became one of only a few female chefs in that city. When she came to the Bay Area in 1989, she did some consulting for some of the major restaurants. She worked with



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

the Kempton Group, which owned a number of well-known restaurants.

She also did a great deal of consulting with pizzerias. Fascinated by the world of pizza, she wrote "The Pizza Book" which, she says, tells "everything there is to know about the world's greatest pie."

The book has become the bible for people wanting to open and run pizza restaurants. She is working on an updated version, and is a contributing editor to Pizza magazine. She is quick to explain that her fascination with pizza doesn't carry over into her restaurant, where there usually is one pizza on their menu.

"We are a bistro, not a pizzeria," she says, but someday, she muses, she may open a pizzeria of her own.

During all this time, Slomon has been a consultant, a teacher, giving classes and seminars, as well as a chef. In their partnership in Nizza La Bella, Triboletti has been the chef, and Slomon is the business person.

Slomon has done something else interesting at her restaurant. She has researched cocktails and has found that the versions offered today are not the classic cocktails of the '30s, '40s, and '50s.

For one thing, she notes, bartenders started using other than fresh ingredients, and cutting other corners. In her restaurant, she says, she has gone back to

the classic cocktail, so when you order a sidecar, or an old fashioned, or any other cocktail from those early days, you are getting a cocktail made in the same way and with the same fresh ingredients used then. And, she says, you can taste the difference.

Slomon speaks enthusiastically about the restaurant in which she uses all of the things that have been important in her life. She obviously loves it. She recognizes that things have not been good in the restaurant business since the Sept. 11 attacks. They have had to stop opening for lunch and for brunch. But she says they have gotten a regular clientele, as well as many happy drop-ins, and they will be able to hang in there until things do improve.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

All political creatures great and small

"AMERICAN POLITICS," said H.L. Mencken, "is based on the premise that the people know what they want and deserve to get it — good and hard."

Once again, the Democrats have demonstrated their remarkable ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Even in the party's one bright spot, California, Gray Davis ran an embarrassingly tight race against a man whom even the Republican National Chairman said was conducting "the worst campaign in the country."

And in Minnesota the result was positively heartbreaking. There was no way Mondale could lose — until the Democrats threw it all away with that self-indulgent memorial-service-turned-campaign-rally. It was a classic case of more is less: "hot" (in the Marshall McLuhan sense) when it should have been "cool." It violated the cardinal rule of show biz: Always leave 'em wanting more.

It left the Republicans feeling energized, the independents feeling alienated, and the Democrats drained of all emotions.

As a get-out-the-vote tactic, understated grief would have been much more effective.

The pundits are saying the election was a huge personal victory for Bush, pointing out that the president's party usually gets rejected in off-year elections. And, as usual, the pundits are wrong. So says the smartest guy I know when it comes to politics, Prof. Nelson Polsby of UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies.

"The reason the pundits think the movement of a few seats in the House and Senate constitutes a big landslide is that it looked like a reversal of what everyone thought was an inflexible law: that the president's party loses seats in the next election. Since that didn't happen, the assumption is that Bush is some kind of miracle worker," he says. "But this election actually looks like 1962, when they said the same thing about Kennedy, whose party also gained seats. But all that election really proved was that Kennedy was a weak candidate in 1960."

"Bush was even weaker. The law was actually upheld if you phrase it this way: The party that wins the presidential election loses seats in the next



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

election. And that is in fact what happened; the mechanism is the difference in turnout between the presidential election and the off-year election. In most presidential elections, the party that wins is the one that turns out more votes. But last time, you may recall, the Supreme Court awarded the presidency to the candidate with fewer votes. All we've got this time is evidence that Bush is stronger when he's not on the ticket."

Meanwhile, it's with great reluctance that I say good-bye to two fine public servants. One is Dick Spees, who is retiring after representing Montclair on the Oakland City Council for many years with great distinction.

He can never be replaced, but he has a worthy successor in Jean Quan, whose decency and commitment to the public welfare mirrors Spees' own. Thank you, Dick.

The other is Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean, who was defeated for re-election by former Assemblyman Tom Bates.

Let me tell you a story that goes back to the days before she was mayor and I was a columnist. My neighbors and I were getting the royal run-around from the city bureaucracy, and in desperation we went to the City Council to ask — no, beg — for help.

I'll never forget the arrogance with which the council gave us the back of their collective hand — all except one, a tiny woman who patiently sat down and listened to us and promised to do what she could to help. (She kept her promise, too.) And we weren't even in her district! It was Shirley Dean. And that's the way she's governed ever since. She's always seen herself as the mayor of all Berkeleys.

It hasn't been easy, because she's had to endure an unending string of personal abuse from her detractors. Her answer has always been to just keep doing her job. As a result, she has a list of accomplishments to be proud of, including

the renaissance of the downtown arts district; doubling the money for sidewalk repairs, reconstructing Cordones Creek; bringing the traveling Vietnam Wall ("The Wall That Heals") to Berkeley; and establishing the Berkeley Guides, those friendly young people who patrol BART stations and downtown, escorting old people to their homes or cars.

So why did she lose? In retrospect, it would have been more shocking if she hadn't. She was bucking not only a strong no-third-term tradition, but also a natural "progressive" majority in the city. Besides, she was running against a very popular opponent, a good and decent man who also has an impressive record of accomplishments.

If the left couldn't beat her with Bates, they couldn't beat her with anyone. (This isn't the first time the Bates/Hancock family has been called in to rescue the left from itself. The last occasion was 16 years ago, when Bates' wife, Loni Hancock, ran for mayor and salvaged victory for the progressives from the ruins of the Gus Newport administration.)

At the beginning of the campaign I said it's a shame either of them has to lose, and it still is. Berkeley has had a string of good mayors, and Bates shows every promise of being one of the best. I wish him all the good fortune in the world.

But I'll also miss Dean, just as I'll miss her hard-working staffers Jennifer Drapeau, Tamlyn Bright, Laurel Spahr and Barbara Gilbert — dedicated public servants all. I'll miss her husband Dan. Heck, I'll even miss her dog. Thank you, Shirley.

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Montclair Village's small town charm is flavored by unique stories

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The old saying that "good things come in small packages" is a great way to describe the shopping district of Montclair Village. Nestled in the base of the Oakland Hills along Highway 13, it's easy to miss this three-block slice of retail paradise sandwiched between the Park Avenue and Thornhill Drive freeway exits. But once there, the place is packed with pedestrians traversing the quaint, curvy surface streets that link Mountain Boulevard and Moraga Avenue.

Montclair Village is the kind of place that supports a privately owned pharmacy and three pri-

The lazily curved streets that fade into the hillside neighborhoods make Montclair seem more like something out of the European Alps rather than the modern-day Bay Area.

vately owned hardware stores amid today's world of corporate-owned chains. In fact, the colorful sign for Raimondi's Montclair Paint & Wallpaper Home Decorators marks the center crossroads of the village, at Mountain Boulevard and LaSalle Avenue. Up the hill on LaSalle is a public parking lot with a 75 cents-per-hour fee that is validated at most

stores.

One of the nicest things about Montclair is that easy-to-read directories of the streets and individual shop locations are posted at several prominent locations throughout the village. So even places tucked away on the far end of Antioch Court or adjacent Antioch Street — such as Art Loft Framing (www.artloftframing.com) or the Pagarung Thai restaurant — are easy to locate. Of course, to find Pagarung Thai, you could literally follow your nose, as the pungent aroma permeates the air on the far uphill side of the village.

Two of Montclair's popular restaurants — Crogan's and Il Porcellino — are next-door neighbors on lower LaSalle Avenue. Crogan's — known for its tantalizing steaks and other American-style, meat-based cuisine — is fittingly open for Thanksgiving Day. A limited menu is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thanksgiving dinner will be served from noon to 7 p.m. Il Porcellino, as its Italian name suggests, specializes in Italian pork-based dishes along with traditional pastas and non-meat dishes for both lunch and dinner. Another favorite is Italian Colors (www.italiancolorsrestaurant.com), although it is located a couple of blocks uphill from the main village on Moraga Avenue, in the Village Square center near the Park Avenue freeway overcrossing, next to Safeway.

Other Montclair restaurants, cafes and coffee shops are set along Mountain Boulevard, with "Meet Me at the Malt Shop" painted on the Montclair Malt Shop window that marks another mini-crossroads near Antioch Court. This old-fashioned soda fountain and casual

neighborhood meeting spot featured a couple of amateur artists drawing sidewalk chalk pictures out front on a recent afternoon.

It's this laid-back, "we've been here forever" feeling that makes Montclair Village very un-heck, even though its sidewalks and shops are bustling with consumers. The lazily curved streets that fade into the hillside neighborhoods make Montclair seem more like something out of the European Alps rather than the modern-day Bay Area.

"It's a quaint, friendly and special community to be a part of," said

Linda Foss, vice president of California Savings Bank, a local establishment founded in 1887 that today has 18 Bay Area branches. Foss, who has worked at the bank's Montclair branch for 19 years, is secretary of the newly formed Montclair Village Business Association, a state-funded business improvement district (BID).

Holiday Stroll

Montclair's BID status enables funding of a Holiday Stroll event from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, being organized by local resident and event promoter Eric Dremann.

This year, about 70 families participating in the holiday stroll opposed to maybe 30 in past years, Dremann said.

"We want it to be a traditional Dickens' fair, wonderful, warm, family-oriented," said Dremann. Montclair resident and community res. ident. The stroll produces higher taxes through their firm Dredman's (www.dredman.com) are lending their expertise to the Holiday Stroll because of the residents.



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Gifts Galore

When it comes to holiday shop-

ping, there is no shortage of gift ideas at Montclair's variety of retailers. On LaSalle Avenue, one winning trio of unique gift shops includes Hula, What the Traveler Saw and Esther's Garden.

Hula offers a selection of fine women's clothing and is probably the only store in the Bay Area with bamboo shoots growing out of its window-front planter box. More feminine gifts are found at Esther's Garden, which offers a unique "make-your-own" selection of scented oils and perfumes.

Commercial perfumes can be blended to come up with a unique fragrance, or essential oils such as lavender, lemon verbena and rosemary can create the basis of an aromatherapy blend. Or one could blend both natural and synthetic scents to create an olfactory delight. The sky, or at least the nose, is the limit.

In addition to this do-it-yourself perfumery, Esther's Garden also sells bath and body products

loungewear, lingerie, and home decor items. Sandwiched between these two feminine worlds is the unique global shop What the Traveler Saw (www.culturestore.com). Here, owners Michael Silverman and wife Haleema bring a family feel to the multi-cultural retail world. Their son, 7-month-old Tyler, reclines in his stroller near mom, and the couple's Burmese mountain dog Tara is almost always on hand to greet customers.

Silverman is a past president of the Montclair Village Association and opened his first retail store in the village seven years ago after a career at the Nature Company chain. He said it is the "quality merchandise that sets us apart" from competing chains. The store features jewelry, decor, home accessories, sculpture, music and books that represent ethnic themes from Africa, Asia and the Americas. He does not carry European imports. But for a taste of Europe, literally, just head up the street to LeBonBon, which

features a huge selection of imported and domestic candy.

New York's Godiva Chocolates, Berkeley-based Judy's Candy (www.judyscandy.com) and San Francisco-based chocolatier Joseph Schmidt share the shelves with imported confections from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, the Netherlands and other candy-making cultures.

Even those without an appetite for sweets can find plenty of fare on the gift racks, including small decorative boxes from Poland, brightly adorned "Catzilla" kitchenware and lots of pretty coffee mugs.

Functional Finds

Of course, holiday shopping doesn't have to be limited to the luxurious. Tennis and golf aficionados can find their every need at Montclair Sporting Goods, which specializes in the equipment and clothing for these two activities.

Across the street and down the stairs next to Albertson's grocery

store parking lot is the Wheels of Justice bicycle shop (www.wojicyclery.com). Namesake and owner Justice Baxter acquired the shop in April after managing it under its previous affiliation with the owners of the nearby sporting goods store.

On a recent afternoon, Baxter juggled an interviewer's questions with inquiries from a juvenile cyclist who specifically wanted a "red and black" bicycle, and financial questions from her father, who, presumably, was the buyer.

Baxter's pleasant demeanor throughout this multi-faceted interaction, which included a customer who joined in to listen to the interview, represents the attitude found in merchants of all different ages, all over Montclair Village.

As part of the younger set of Montclair merchants, Baxter, 26, graduated from Humboldt State University with a degree in industrial technology and a minor

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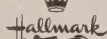
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He also plans to provide a unicycle demonstration for the upcoming Holiday Stroll event.

"Some people call it cycling, but I call it commuting," said Baxter, who sold his car when he opened the shop to make sure he would continue to enjoy his favorite in-motion pastime rather than spending time stuck in traffic.

Along bustling Moraga Avenue, one of the more unique storefront signs is simply a giant paper clip — an emblem of its name Paper Clip. In addition to a huge selection of greeting cards, Paper Clip specializes in engravings, custom invitations, personal and social stationery, desk accessories and

personalized gifts.

Mayor of Montclair

There is one citizen of Montclair Village who is best known to all who live, work and shop there. His name is Percy and he is called the unofficial "Mayor of Montclair." When it comes to public relations, Percy is an expert. For eight years, he's

freely roamed the streets, and is warmly welcomed by everyone he meets. He often gets food donations, despite the tag dangling from his neck that describes his dietary needs.

Percy is a sweet-natured purebred pug who belongs to Niels Dahl-Jensen, owner of Montclair Antiques. "He's been patrolling the

sidewalk for so many years that people started calling him the mayor," said Dahl-Jensen. "If I had a dollar for every person who came in here to pet Percy, I'd be a millionaire."

Although Dahl-Jensen doesn't charge admission to see Percy, he does draw a significant amount of customers from beyond the local resident base, due to his expertise in San Francisco silver.

"San Francisco silver since 1905 has been made by one company, Shreve," Dahl-Jensen explained. "But from the 1850s to 1904 there were a handful of other makers, and I specialize in those. I know a lot

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The reason books are written is to be read

of the week: books are to be swallowed, low to be chewed.

"Of Studies," Essays II, Francis Bacon 1581-1626



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

Yesterday I was moving the Cliff Notes from the section to the section (because I the space) and it started about reading.

Notes, in case you don't the slim books, actually the pamphlets, that summaries and provide analysis of the writer's intent. I will know that I am moving the line librarians can't read is fine by us, because your choice and we there to facilitate, not to judge, actually, agree wholeheartedly with that concept.

you read this column then come to the library to check out the Cliff Notes of Shakespeare's Sonnets, there is such a you won't get a negative from anyone. What is today is not that is used but that is needed, because I be reading of the classics about plot and in is about language.

to my experience of it as a reader. And, as I do that, I realize how difficult it is to explain to someone why they should read a particular book. You want to say: Read it and you'll understand; the book will explain itself.

Yet when you pick up a new book these days, there are quotes on the back and a description of the plot on the inside. It is as if we, the readers, aren't willing to take the chance or the time to find out for ourselves. Books have become like videos — we read the box before we take them home.

I can't help wondering when this happened. Recently I picked up a book in a thrift store; it was an old hardback from 1947 and it wasn't at all obvious what it was about. I found myself searching the plain red cover, slightly water-stained, for some information — surely there was some clue somewhere as to whether it was worth my time or the 25 cents they were charging for it. Finally, I sat down in a chair and read the first chapter. As I was reading, I remembered the hours I used to spend in used book stores, doing the same thing: reading part of a book to find out if I wanted to read it. I bought it. (It was "The Bishop's Mantle," by Agnes Sligh Turnbull, in case you're wondering.)

READER REVIEW: Speaking of books people love, I have a review today from Sheila, who was so excited about this book that she wrote comments on the front and the back of the Mini Book Review.

The book is "Embers" by Sandor Marai and Sheila says it is a "masterly novel" for ages 18 and up. It is about "two people who haven't seen each other in 41 years" and "the smoldering embers of our feelings of lust, love, revenge and hate."

One word Sheila would use to describe this book is "spell-binding" and she would recommend it because of "its powerful undercurrent of suspense and its powerful and beautiful writing."

On the back of the review she wrote: "This book came out in Prague and Hungary in 1941 and was lost until it was republished here in 2001."

She didn't want to "put it down but (she) couldn't bear for it to end . . ." "It truly is one of the most brilliantly written books I've read in years."

Want to recommend a book? Pick up a Mini Book Review at the El Cerrito, Kensington or Albany Library. Comments? Suggestions? Questions? I can be reached at the Albany Library or at jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org

Testing to reflect classroom standards

THE ONLY GLIMPSE many people get of school data is the Academic Performance Index and standardized test scores printed annually in the newspaper. Even as those published snapshots are sometimes disheartening, school officials are optimistic that ongoing collection and use of data offer hope of systematic improvement of our schools.

Randi Hagen, the West Contra Costa Unified School District's director of accountability and evaluation, says she's optimistic because for the first time instruction, materials, and state tests are being pulled into alignment.

At the heart of this alignment are content standards developed by the state that outline in detail what students are expected to learn at each grade level. School districts were directed to adopt standards that are at least as stringent. West Contra Costa Unified School District stuck close to the state model in adopting its content standards.

Prior to the adoption of the standards, Hagen says, what was being taught in one fourth grade classroom might bear little resemblance to what was being taught in another fourth grade classroom across the district.

Now, more and more, textbooks in all classrooms are based on the same content standards and, with additional training, teachers are basing their instruction on those standards.

In addition, the data going into the state's high-profile API ranking is shifting. Initially it was based solely on the SAT 9 test. This test intentionally includes material the children have never been taught, to create a ranking, with half the children scoring below average and half above. The API is now shifting toward a heavier emphasis on test questions based on the state content standards. This system does not put kids in competition with one another. Instead, it measures whether the child has learned the grade-level material well enough to move on to the next grade and be successful.



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

Eventually, the API will be based entirely on standards questions.

For students, says Hagen, the content standards mean having a clear idea of what is to be learned each day, instead of playing "guess what the teacher is thinking." Standards-based teaching should also ease the transition for students who transfer frequently, she says.

Hagen is optimistic we'll see positive results as children receive standards-based instruction year after year. The challenge now is to catch up older students who didn't have such structured instruction earlier in their school careers.

Beginning in 2003-04, students must pass the California High School Exit Examination, which includes language arts and math sections, to receive high school diplomas. District high schools are trying a variety of strategies, such as after-school support or double periods of core subjects, to prepare students.

In addition to giving the statewide tests, districts are required to have other means of measuring student progress. The districts, however, decide what those assessments look like.

The West Contra Costa Unified School District collects assessments on students three times a year in both language arts and math. Most classroom teachers collect data even more often on how their students are progressing on state standards, for their own use. Because these assessments are closely tied to what is being taught and is quickly available to teachers, they tell teachers what they need to re-teach, and to whom.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

PTA NEWS

PTA Council

Superintendent's Council 1:30 p.m., AHS Library. Jazz Band and R & B programs at a benefit concert in Albany 1 p.m. at Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero in Oakland, \$10/adults, tickets call 510-559-8474 shen@pacbell.net.

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AUSD Board of Education

Nov. 26, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room.

AUSD Calendar

Nov. 28-29, Thanksgiving Holiday, No School.

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EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

LINE NEWS: The El Cerrito School debate squad met at the Golden State Association League Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 9, at High School in Sonoma. Debate team of Lowe and Amy Chang placed second. Lincoln Douglas varsity Avikash Singh, Joseph

Genser, Allison Dedrick, Elaine Ng and Amit Gressel along with junior varsity Lincoln Douglas debaters Troy Visineau and Lauren McKenzie traveled the long distance to compete.

Congratulations to all, but especially to Lauren McKenzie for going undefeated at 4-0 to come in first place.

PTSA MEETS: The Parent

Teacher Student Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in Room 812, which is outside the main building on the south side of campus in a portable building.

Everyone is encouraged and

welcomed to attend.

One item on the agenda will be a discussion about the money raised this year and what to spend it on.

— Staff report

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

A time for everything

It's only Nov. 15. Halloween skeletons have just been put away. The leaves are still in limbo between the trees and the ground. Election day dawned little more than week ago.

This is no time for any of the following things:

- Late-night TV ads for "The Sounds of Christmas," with Elvis or Bing Crosby or anyone else whose name is preceded by "the late";
- Anything in a round can that smells like a fruitcake;
- Singing chipmunks;
- Any beverage with nutmeg;
- Socks that jingle;
- Animated or ceramic reindeer (which don't look anything like organic reindeer);
- Fiberglass transformed into itchy, sharp angel's hair;
- And, most important, Christmas newsletters. Please, hold out for a while. We just finished reading sample ballots. Our appetite for positive spin has been satisfied for now.

It's too late to complain, of course. It was already beginning to look a lot like Christmas commercials even before Halloween. The Toys-R-Us giraffe had already made his first appearance, helping kids in their pajamas thumb through a toy catalog to place their orders with their parents.

Each fall shelves of elves sneak through the cracks in the floors and walls of stores earlier and earlier, giggling behind their hands as they wiggle into Christmassy poses.

Let's not waste November with a holiday that doesn't come around until late December. Let's savor Thanksgiving and the crunch of leaves beneath our feet. Between Halloween, elections and losing an hour of light each evening, we've had a lot going on. It's just too soon for the most wonderful time of the year.

Looking for those who go above and beyond

The Journal will launch a new monthly "Local Heroes" feature in the next several weeks to shine the spotlight on those who go the extra mile.

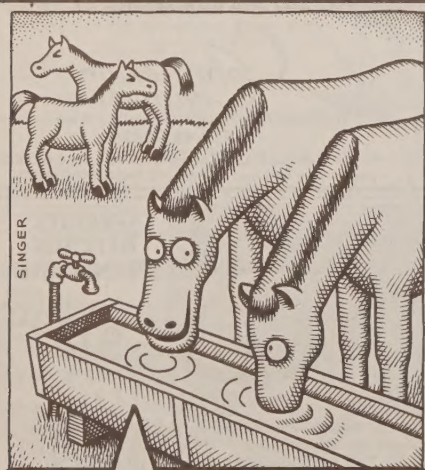
Do you know a local hero? Someone who has made a difference in the community, made life significantly better at school or work, in the neighborhood, or in his or her congregation? Once a month, we will highlight people whose devotion to helping

others — whether through an organized volunteer group or just on their own — makes them stand out from the crowd.

We encourage readers to write to let us know about these special people. Send your nomination, in 250 words or less, to: Local Heroes, c/o the Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806. Call 510-262-2724 or fax 510-243-3574. Our e-mail address is journal@cctimes.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honor and respect

Veterans Day has come and gone, and once again our men and women in uniform are out on the line defending what they believe is the greatest hope for the future of freedom-loving people.

We were awakened on Sept. 11 to the evil that would substitute for what so many Americans consider a true and just freedom of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This challenge was answered by the patriotic young people that America has always relied on to keep our flame bright and burning for more than 200 years.

We, as a country, are indebted to them and should pay them homage by remembering their sacrifices with enduring respect.

As a Vietnam combat veteran, I have never opposed those who protested our country, our way of life, or those who do serve. I just ask that those who do oppose give thanks for the sacrifice of all the men and women who made it possible for them to bask in the light of this freedom.

To be a proud American is to awake to how it has been kept alive.

God bless America and God bless our right to celebrate or protest.

Steven Temple
El Cerrito

Effect change!

I do believe that George W. Bush is an angel in disguise.

It is suddenly so obvious how corrupt our political system is that drastic social change must occur very soon or we will be swallowed up by the ecological and ethical crisis being ignored by the people in power.

The wave of social movement generated by Bush's "bloodless coup," and now his war on Iraq, will be 10 times that of the '60s.

We must turn this culture upside down. On Oct. 26 (anniversary of the Patriot Act), there was a massive demonstration in every major city in this country — a step in the right direction.

Remember, it is always darkest just before dawn.

Casey Nutt
Albany

Parallels

The same American economic forces and political mind-set that were against war in the 1930s are pro war today.

Before World War II, corporations such as General Electric and powerful personalities such as Charles Lindbergh and Joe Kennedy wanted to do business with Germany, even after Hitler's Germany conquered Europe.

These ultra-conservatives, in effect, said that an enemy of my enemy is my friend. Since Hitler is anti-Communist, they rationalized, he must be a friend we can do business with.

It wasn't until Hitler came close to dominating Middle East oil that these right-wing ideologues reluctantly agreed to arm America for war.

We built up Hitler like we built up Saddam's Iraq — until they threatened our corporate business interests and our oil.

Let us hope these same imperatives do not lead us to a preemptive war. But, if we do fight, let us work to win.

The American ideal, however tarnished by corporate greed, is still the best political invention known to man.

Charles T. Walton
Berkeley

Redevelopment facts

As one who has served on a redevelopment advisory committee, I would like to inform readers that moneys from redevelopment funds are in part diverted from those paid for schools, regional parks, mosquito abatement, county functions, etc.

Even more importantly, some property taxes which normally go to the local government for common services go, instead, to redevelopment. All increases in property values within the redevelopment project area, after its establishment, go to the agency and not the community. That happens whether or not the redevelopment agency brings the increases about.

In my town, only about 20 percent of such changes were so brought about, but redevelopment still gets the money.

Some think that what a community does with the money is established through a public process. That's not so. The agency (not the community) holds public meetings but the public has little or no chance to provide input.

Usually, the project is essentially already set and the finances surrounding it are not presented beforehand to let the public analyze them.

In my town, there is not a single project that will pay for itself and the debt incurred (redevelopment must incur debt to get the taxes) is a drain on other taxing entities (including local government) whose revenues must bear the debt burden via the tax transfers.

Redevelopment has the power of eminent domain, which it exercises to push its projects forward — good or bad — and the current occupants off.

In my town, the only beneficiaries have been the developers, via large subsidies from redevelopment.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Stay out of politics

Why is Caltrans wasting our tax dollars on lawsuits over the flying of flags? It is the Department of Transportation's job to build and maintain highways, not to display patriotic symbols.

If Caltrans wishes to post something on bridges and overpasses, let it be gigantic banners that read, "Get Off Your Cell Phones!" or "Slow Down And Live Longer!"

Don't drivers have enough burdens already, having to contend with maniacs in the throes of road rage, drunk drivers, speeders, honkers, bumpy roads, over-

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sized trucks, and rush hour gridlock. Must our highways now be turned into political minefields?

Most sensible Americans know waving a flag can't make us more patriotic any more than waving a Bible can make us more religious.

Our patriotism can be shown in constructive ways, however, such as studying the Constitution and Bill of Rights, becoming informed about government's domestic and foreign policies, calling our elected officials to account, and by registering to vote — but none of these things should be done while driving a car!

Let Caltrans encourage safety by eliminating highway distractions so that drivers can keep their eyes on the road.

Diana P.

Berkeley

War and peace

Apparently William Rusher's impressive title — "Distinguished Fellow" of the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy — is just a license to publish propaganda.

Can he still believe, against all evidence, that the United States could win in Vietnam in some meaningful sense for some affordable cost?

Why, exactly, does Rusher believe so strongly in violence as a solution to political problems? Does he, after all, understand why we have a Constitution?

Wimps are not able to maintain peace but perpetual war is going to lead to extermination of humanity sooner or later.

If we don't use the available instruments and, above all, if we give up vestiges of moral leadership, there is no hope for us.

John Mackin

Albany

Our own dictator?

Recently, on a TV news station, a reporter said that the president's right to change American foreign policy without authorize preemptive military action against Iraq would be passed without question.

He said that even though many Democrats and Senate members disagreed, they not feel they could vote against it.

What is our country coming to? Do we have a dictator in the presidential office? Are we not able to discuss issues, weighing the pros and cons, before deciding? Can't this be done in an open, informed way?

Anne S.

Berkeley

ANY CHAMBER NOTES

me visit a main street with heart and soul

James Carter
four days of pounding
furious winds, as I write
sky is turquoise, the win-
bright yellow star close
to Earth to warm those
night.

comes from the lawns and
homes and businesses in
Autumn leaves color trees
the walkways and streets of
and San Pablo avenues,
a work of art, a unique
of lemon yellow, crim-
sageberry and a thousand
of green.

Everything is clean and fresh
washed by four days' rain.
except for an occasional er-
newspaper tumbling in the
wind, or flattened into
marché by the storm, Al-
berkeley.

is it about this town that
is extraordinary?
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it is not: It is not a prefab-
licade created by a team
of architects eager to imitate
"work" in Los Angeles,
and Livermore.

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fabulous restaurants. (Let's sing:
You can get anything you want
at Albany's restaurants...)

And you can do all of these
things and support small, inde-
pendently owned and operated
merchants at the same time.

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to a parking lot mall, or patron-
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menu that is identical to what
they serve in Phoenix, Los An-
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and mufflers, grab the kids, your
lover, your friends, even a per-
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where even the rain is gentle and
where everyone will give you the
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will instantly understand the
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ciations." She has the whole
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you may need, including graphic
design, advertising, public rela-
tions and event management.

Auguste began her career pro-
ducing fund-raisers and special
events for organizations such as
the NAACP and the United Negro
College Fund. No stranger to po-
itics (she worked for both Ron De-
lums and Tom Bradley), Karen can
negotiate just about any terrain
and loves nothing better than a

challenge.

The youthful owner of Purple
Lynx received her bachelor's de-
gree from USF and is currently
completing that university's ex-
ecutive MBA program. With a solid
background in marketing, bank-
ing and the high-tech industry,
Karen also has one very special
quality that can't be learned in
school or acquired: When she
walks into a room, one cannot
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Plan

FROM PAGE A1

Antonio, would include luxury
hotels, a conference or enter-
tainment center, restaurants and
specialty shops.

Ann Chaney, Albany's com-
munity development director,
said the Magna development
could be changed so it satisfies
Measure C. "But staff's feeling
is that what's currently being
proposed in Magna's specific
plan goes above and beyond
(Measure C)," she said, "and
that's why we need to take this
to the citizens and see, again,
what they would visualize for the
property."

The city is preparing to con-
sider the project in a series of

community workshops sched-
uled to begin in January that will
give residents a say. After the work-
shops, the developer will do an
environmental review, then cre-
ate a detailed plan for the devel-
opment.

If warranted, the project could
reach the ballot as soon as 2005,
said City Attorney Robert
Zweben.

The project has already come
under scrutiny by some residents
who object to its size.

"People in Albany already
have a vision; we expressed it in
Measure C," said resident Jim
Simmons at the Nov. 4 City
Council meeting. "Our vision was
'No way, no how, nowhere.'"

Measure C requires water-
front development to provide for
water-oriented activities, as well
as open-space conservation and

such other uses as gaming,
horse-racing, golf, tennis and wa-
terfront- and sports-related com-
mercial services like restaurants
and bars; it can also include com-
mercial parking lots and mari-
nas, boat launching ramps, golf
courses and more.

Magna has proposed to de-
velop the parking lots west of the
race track with 200,000 to
300,000 square feet of commer-
cial retail facilities, a 300,000-
square-foot event center, a garage
and more.

"As with any development pro-
ject, there's always pros and cons,
environmental impacts would have
to be looked at, there's a number
of things which would have to be
evaluated," said Chaney. "I think
it's an exciting process, but where
it's going to come at the end I re-
ally don't have a clue."

Vote

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city clerk Jacqueline Bucholz said.

Provisional ballots were given
to voters when there was some
confusion over their registration,
and each ballot has to be inspected
to make sure they're legitimate,
according candidate services em-
ployee Leshawn Yopack.

However, by law the counting
has to be completed by Dec. 3, 28
days after the election. Yopack ex-
pects the results to be finalized by
Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving
Day.

Earlier this year, the City Coun-
cil placed the bond measure on
the ballot to increase the firefighter
salaries to the average of fire de-
partments along the Interstate 80
corridor.

Without increases, firefighters
would continue to transfer to bet-
ter-paying departments, and the
quality of the medical response

would suffer. Most of the calls re-
sponded to are medically related,
and the department boasts of a
four-minute response time,
McGinn said.

Spirits at the department have
sunk as the results have trickled
in, McGinn said. He watched the
night of Nov. 5, as the number of
votes needed to pass the measure
went over the two-thirds mark and
then down, giving the approval a
tiny margin.

"There might be one or two
more updates, and each time I
think the counts get a little less
and a little less," said McGinn.
"We're just keeping our fingers
crossed."

Results for the other two bond
measures and the City Council
race appear to be holding steady.
Measure F, a property tax that
would pay for \$14.5 million worth
of city infrastructure improve-
ments, has received 69.2 percent,
more than the necessary two-
thirds of the vote to pass.

Measure H is also passing with
57.8 percent of the vote. The mea-
sure, which needed a simple ma-
jority, would increase the city's
property transfer tax by \$3 in order
to boost the city's lackluster
revenues.

The City Council race has been
closer. As of Wednesday afternoon,
Bob Good was leading Farid Ja-
vandel by 89 votes, or by a 1.2 per-
cent margin. Good's lead has in-
creased slightly as the votes have
trickled in.

Javandel, who has never held
political office, speculated Good's
lead would only continue to in-
crease, because it appeared that
absentee voters were voting for fa-
miliar faces. Good was a Council-
man from 1992 to 2000, but had
to leave office because of term lim-
its.

Incumbent Allan Maris, mean-
while, was returned to office with
42.7 percent of the vote.

Figures

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over the years, is providing in-
valuable expertise.

On Dec. 11, firefighters from
the El Cerrito Fire Department
will haul the sculptures up the hill
from the shed at El Cerrito Lum-
ber, where they're being stored.

"Mr. Shadi never put them up
earlier than two weeks before
Christmas," Bartke says. The lot
is owned by PG&E, which is do-
nating the use of it for the occa-
sion.

There won't be a formal cere-
mony. "We'll do what Mr. Shadi
did," says Bartke. "We'll just turn
the lights on one day and let
everyone be surprised."

And there they'll stay until Dec.
26, when — again following
Shadi's tradition — they'll be
promptly taken down again.

You, too, can be part of this tra-

dition: You can sponsor your very
own sculpture. For \$500, you can
sponsor a wise man. A shepherd
will cost you \$200, the Big Blue
Star will cost you \$300, and a
camel will cost you anywhere
from \$100 to \$200, depending on
size.

On the other hand, sheep are
a real bargain at only \$20. The
most expensive item, the angel,
has already been "sold" for a cool
\$1,000.

The money raised will cover
the cost of whatever can't be do-
nated: electricity, light bulbs, lum-
ber, electrical cords, insurance
and, eventually, storage.

For the past five years, the
sculptures have been stored for

free at El Cerrito Lumber. But the
company was sold a couple of
years ago.

"We've been really lucky so
far," Bartke says, "but it's only a
matter of time before they get
around to demolishing that build-
ing. And then the sculptures will
need a new home."

No one is more pleased by the
sculptures' return than Shadi's
daughter, Vera.

"I'm thrilled!" she says. "I know
Daddy was very good at what he
did, and it makes me feel good to
know they'll be enjoyed by future
generations. It's a real tribute to
my father, and to the people of the
city he loved so much."

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year. Marin received a
score of 883, 14 points higher,
than View Elementary re-
ceived a score of 874, up 45

our scores at all of our
schools showing a high level
achievement," said Albany Uni-
fied District Superintendent
Wong. "We're all very
proud of our staff and we
are able to meet the high
standards that parents and stu-
dents are achieving."

Albany Middle
received a score of 872,

seven points less than the previ-
ous year.

"When you get close to 900,
every once in a while you're go-
ing to go down," Wong said.
"You're hitting the ceiling there."
But he noted that lately, the
trend has been upward.

While Albany does well on the
standardized tests, Wong and
Farrell say they're just one indi-
cator of achievement in the dis-
trict and should not be overem-
phasized.

"I take them with a grain of
salt," added Farrell. "Fortunately,
Albany does well, so we're able
to reap the benefits from that."

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Quiet Kensington went electionless this year

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — The two special districts that provide police, recreation and fire service for the 5,000 or so residents in this unincorporated area refrained from holding elections this year due to a lack of candidates.

No one stepped forward to challenge the three incumbents on the Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District board of directors, who will remain in office, as will the board of the Kensington Fire Protection District. The fire district's election was canceled after no one applied to run for one of four open seats.

"There hasn't been a lot of interest up here," said Brenda Navellier, the fire district's administrator. "I think it lacks in controversy. I think things are going along fine."

The district has a contract with the El Cerrito Fire Department to provide fire service for Kensington. The police and community services district provides policing, garbage pick-up, parks and recreation programs.

Officials from both districts theorized that the districts were humming along and no issue was controversial enough to entice people to run. Each board oversees a budget of about \$2 million.

Fire district board member Janice Kosel said many Kensington residents are already busy doing other volunteer work or serving on one of the area's public-service committees. Kensington has a municipal advisory committee that makes land use decisions, a community council, an improvement club and several homeowner associations.

Residents voted several years

ago for the fire and police boards to expand from three to five members. But Kosel said the issue may be reconsidered if recruitment remains a problem.

"We thought many hands make light work," said Kosel, a law professor at Golden Gate University who has served on the board for eight years, "and we weren't thinking about how many hands would come forward."

For several months there were only three people running for four open seats on the fire district board. Berton Wilson applied for the position in October after being asked to by board member Leslie Michael, who is married to a friend of Wilson's wife.

The fire district had nearly given the choice of a new board member to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, a process that takes place only when no one can be found.

"I think I'm overdue to do something for the community," said Wilson, a retired energy conservation coordinator for Chevron. "I feel like I should have done this a long time ago."

While there's little controversy, the boards will be active. The fire district is working on decreasing the fire danger where Kensington meets Tilden Park; improving the hydrant and water system in that area; and expanding the district's paramedic program.

The police district is continuing to develop Kensington Park at Kensington Park Road and Arlington Avenue and to deal with increased employee insurance and retirement costs.

The district is also working on decreasing hazardous-waste disposal costs after receiving an unexpectedly large bill.

Church makes its voice heard

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — About 30 members of the Arlington Community Church carried signs and marched about three miles Sunday to voice their objections to the Bush administration's policies on Iraq.

The group carried signs that read "Drop Bush, Not Bombs," "No Blood for Oil" and "Peace Not War." They walked among trees and large single-family homes from the church at 52 Arlington Avenue north to the more bustling commercial corner of Arlington and Amherst avenues in Kensington Village.

Along the way, motorists honked their car horns. The

group sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" while at Kensington Village, then walked back to the church, where they discussed their feelings about a possible war.

The participants in the march, church members and Kensington residents, said Bush's apparent desire to attack Iraq in an attempt to topple Saddam Hussein was immoral and dishonest.

While Saddam may be evil, there are better ways to deal with him than to use military action, they said.

"The people who are most harmed by war are children and the weak and the oppressed and women and civilians," said Kyle Lovett, a reverend at Arlington

church, an affiliate of the United Church of Christ. "Wars ultimately harm individuals who are not making the decisions," she said.

Vanessa Pratt, a 16-year-old junior at El Cerrito High School who was raised as a "hippie" parent, has long been a liberal and objects to many of the Bush administration's policies. Her objection to war has been further aroused by the experience of her grandfather, who was blinded while serving in Germany during World War II.

"I don't feel like the government is doing what the people want," Vanessa said. "It's supposed to be the other way around, and it's not, and that really bothers me."

The march was organized by

a church social-justice committee along with the church group, after the police in Iraq was discussed in the news.

While the march was done little to affect foreign policy, participants said it was important to make their voices heard in their community.

"It's being fairly common to see victims and giving our beliefs," said Shirley, the interim pastor at Church. "And we feel it is the way to go, not war."

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Sting nabs unlicensed contractors

■ Workers at four Bay Area sites walk away with tickets, warnings or court summons

By Karl Fischer
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — The Porto Brasil restaurant building, abandoned for several months, needed plenty of professional help. It's no wonder its occupants phoned dozens of contractors advertising in local newspapers this week.

A steady stream of workers with tool belts arrived at the Colusa Avenue storefront Wednesday, most offering estimates in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 range for paint, new flooring or tile work.

Unluckily for most, the tenants this week were undercover investigators for the Contractors

State Licensing Board. Twenty-three walked away with fat tickets or warnings for contracting without a license.

It's a crime to earn \$500 or more for a construction job in California unless the workers are licensed. And the state agency that regulates the construction industry picked this week to remind workers of that fact in four Bay Area locations.

"No one told me," said 50-year-old Oakland resident Yao Ching Saetrum, nabbed after offering to re-floor the restaurant for \$10,980. "I only offered to do the floor. They told me the floor was OK."

Investigator Marci Goorabian begs to differ. Sitting in the building's musty kitchen, she explained the law to Saetrum and a steady stream of others after him. She then sent him out the back

door with a court summons in hand.

"When you're dealing with a licensed contractor you know they have worker's compensation and that they're bonded," Goorabian said. "When you deal with an unlicensed contractor you don't know who you're getting."

It was a scene replayed 66 times in Kensington, San Francisco, San Rafael and Saratoga on Tuesday and Wednesday.

While contracting without a license may seem like an innocuous crime, police pay attention to it because of links to consumer fraud. While the licensing board keeps tabs on about 800,000 contractors around the state to ensure they meet professional standards and follow the law, it can't do the same for everyone who shows up on a

homeowner's doorstep.

Unlicensed contractors frequently file the subject's complaints. In wealthy neighborhoods where go door-to-door, police and artists taking advantage of senior citizens.

"Over the past couple years we've had several expensive cases of contractors. We had one elderly woman who was physically abused by a man she hired," said Jeffries of the Kensington Department, which is in the sting.

"What we're doing is being to be proactive with these kinds of crimes occurring."

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Mira Vista

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sured the distance from his front door in San Francisco to the first tee at Mira Vista as exactly 17.2 miles.

"It was love at first sight," he says. "I've played some beautiful courses, including the Olympic and Pebble Beach, but nothing matches this. It's a great place to play golf, and I get a spectacular view of my favorite city at the same time."

Agnos has been a member for less than a year, having joined the club in July. But in that short time he's already won three championships: the Mira Vista Invitational, the Men's Individual Club Championship (3rd flight), and the Senior Wrap-Up Tourney. As a result, he says, "My handicap is falling faster than my popularity."

Incidentally, he can update his handicap after every round by punching his score into one of the computer terminals in the clubhouse — another of those high-tech innovations. These terminals are linked with terminals at other golf courses in the Bay Area, so golfers can keep their handicaps current no matter

where they play.

The Mira Vista Golf and Country Club began life in 1920 as the Berkeley Country Club. (The name was changed in 1934.) In the early days, the big activities besides golf included the annual Greased Pig Contest. Especially memorable was the 1930 competition, featuring two porkers named Swinnerty and Rosenberg, with Oakland Mayor William Parker acting as starter and Berkeley Mayor Mike Driver and Pinole Mayor Edward Downer serving as judges.

But as the Great Depression wore on, the club fell on hard times. At one point, membership was down to 40. But the club was saved from bankruptcy in the nick of time by that miracle invention: the slot machine.

"This was a time when El Cerrito was a wide-open town, and there was a great deal of gambling in the city," says former El Cerrito Mayor Marge Collins, the club's unofficial historian. "So it wasn't illegal to have slot machines in the club. They put five or six along the west wall of the grill room in the clubhouse and a couple more in the pro shop."

The slots raked in enough cash to keep the club afloat. "And even when they paid off," says

Collins, "many winners would then turn around and buy drinks for the house, so the money stayed in the club. Those who hit the jackpot in the pro shop were paid off in golf balls."

During World War II, Mira Vista played host to the seventh annual Oakland Open, with Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and Lawson Little battling it out for the first prize: \$7,500 in war bonds.

Meat rationing during the war created a major problem for the dining room, which was solved only when General Manager Frank "Boy Wonder" McHugh found a chicken farmer in Walnut Creek who offered his entire flock. But he had one condition:

McHugh had to pick them up. McHugh complied, driving out every day to pick up a few birds, then driving them back to the club, where they'd be killed and dressed just before dinnertime.

"The chicken has never been so fresh since," quips Collins. In 1951 Mira Vista hosted a women's Pro-Am, featuring future Hall-of-Famers Patty Berg and Louise Suggs. But they both lost to the greatest female athlete of 'em all, Babe Didrickson Zaharias, whom Collins remembers as "tough but sweet." Her first prize: a whopping \$750.

In 1960, the club fired all the caddies. "Rowdy behavior, profanity and some incidents of pil-

fering were observed," says Collins. "Members also complained about the indifference in the manner they performed their jobs."

The caddies were replaced by golf carts, although some members, including several in their seventies and eighties, disdain the carts and insist on walking the course themselves.

One is 91-year-old Ray Ehrhardt, who always tees off at the crack of dawn, plays the back nine carrying his own bag, then repairs to the dining room for his unvarying breakfast: a bowl of soup (except on Fridays, because he doesn't like clam chowder), two rolls (no butter), and a Mich-

elob.

In the early 1970s the minority members were followed by the first members 20 years later.

Today, the club's membership is its greatest calling card. Large part of what makes it "join," says Agnos, "on weekends, you can kinds of people — Asians, Hispanics — all have time playing golf. I'm much at home socially. It reflects the people I'm comfortable with."

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Section B

What you don't know will hurt you

Is a friendly disclosure?

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say that what you don't know will hurt you. This may be true in many cases. But home sellers' attitude could end up hurting you, depending on where you're buying.

Views vary regarding what sellers are required to disclose to buyers. Some states, like California, require sellers to complete a Seller's Disclosure Statement. In other states, disclosures are voluntary. And some states require sellers to disclose only what is known to them, except as mandated by law, such as for lead-based paint or flood hazard zone disclosures.

If you're not explicitly required to disclose defects in your state, as a prospective buyer, it may be a good idea to do so. Thirty years ago, sellers were required to disclose

defects and buyers were warned to "beware." In today's consumer-conscious, litigious-prone society, "seller beware" is the more appropriate admonition.

Sellers, even in states where seller disclosures are required, are sometimes less than forthcoming with their disclosures because they fear the information will impede the sale of their property.

This rarely happens. Buyers would rather know about defects before rather than after they complete the purchase. Lawsuits often

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THROUGHOUT HISTORY. Rows of columns delineate the Parthenon's perimeter. A collection of onion-shaped domes decorates St. Basil's Cathedral. Even in modern architecture, one can distinguish motifs that are carried throughout a building's exterior or interior, or both. A repeated element in a structure often elevates it from an indistinguishable building to a piece of art. Motifs like these represent one way to give your home flair and individuality. They may permeate the entire design, or you can limit them to a particular room, such as a foyer like this one. Curves are key here, the most obvious one the gently arched door, with its echoing sidelights. An oval cutout in the ceiling is a change from the geometric shapes seen in most step-up ceilings. An art niche uses an arch to frame a scene that's painted directly on the wall. Opposite the niche, a corner-free wall draws guests into the rest of the home, while keeping with the soft, curved design theme. For more design ideas, see www.homeplans.com.

Things are looking up in California

Continued gains in median price, more moderate sales pace on the horizon

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

The median price of a single-family home in California will hit a new record in 2003. Sales will de-

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units, falling 3.0 percent compared to 2002. Price appreciation will be fueled in part by the continuing shortage of housing across much of the state.

California typically adds 220,000 to 250,000 new households each

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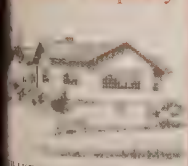
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Forming important partnerships

■ Realty company's donation smooths computer education at Berkeley Elementary School

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

The GRUBB Co. recently donated \$10,000 to Berkeley's Emerson Elementary School. "The company believes in actively supporting the prosperity of

the communities it serves," said company president D.J. Grubb.

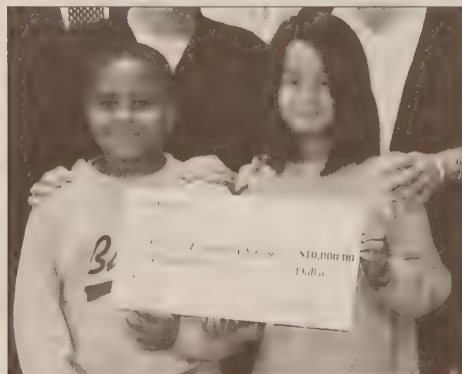
According to Emerson's principal Susan Hodge, The GRUBB Co.'s donation allowed the school to purchase large TV monitors, secure wallmounts, VCRs and computer hook-ups for all the 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-grade classrooms.

"The educational applications are endless," said third-grade teacher Kristen Lono. "Having VCRs and monitors installed in each classroom makes showing educational videos, the most traditional use of the equipment, much more convenient."

"In the past, the teachers had to wheel large, awkward carts from every end of the school," said Hodge.

"Because of their mobility, VCRs tended to disappear mysteriously. This new set up is far more secure."

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EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS Benet Warren, left, and Kayla Grueneich give us a closer look at The GRUBB Co.'s \$10,000 donation to the school.

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Q: When applying for a mortgage, our broker told my husband and I to apply in my husband's name only as I had some past credit problems. We bought a house in his name and would like to add my name to the deed, but wonder if this will hurt our chances of refinancing. Should we wait until after we refinance to add my name, or can we refinance in his name only?

A: When refinancing your home, talk to your mortgage loan officer; they can advise you whether your credit problems have been sufficiently cleared to permit refinancing at the lowest possible interest rate. Do not add your name to the title until you know that refinancing will not be adversely affected. If your name is included as an owner, a mortgage cannot be made without your signature on the note and mortgage.

Q: My husband and I have a property situation and need advice. There is a triangular piece of property (about 100 by 110 by 120 feet) that is part of another lot next to our

property. For the past 18 years, we have taken care of it — mowing, seeding, fertilizing and planting trees and bushes on it. The lot that this triangular piece of property is part of is now for sale. Can we claim this piece as ours since we have maintained it for 18 years? The piece in question actually looks like it is part of our yard and not the other because the one side has the ditch separating it from ours.

A: Essentially, you trespassed when you planted trees and bushes, fertilized and mowed the adjoining property. No doubt the property looks like part of your lot since you maintained the land. If you wish to continue your use you must buy the lot. The owner has not abandoned their ownership. They have paid the property taxes and now intend to sell the lot. Your acts of trespass do not give rise to a claim of adverse possession.

Q: More than 10 years ago, my fiancé "bought" his house from his aunt. Actually, she took out a home equity loan on the house, took the cash payment from the loan and

now my fiancé is paying. Officially, the loan, interest and principal are still in her name. We are hoping to sell the house without any penalties on her capital gains tax. We are hoping to sell the house within a year. Would it be wise to sell it and give us the cash?

A: Unfortunately, there is no longer the primary residence exception for the transfer of your fiancé's interest. Under the new rules, a transfer that results in a capital gain. It all depends on the property today and its cost. You need a CPA or attorney, one to provide a transfer of title and the structure the transaction to minimize taxes.

If the aunt is willing, the method would be suggested. Have the aunt and pay taxes as required. The balance of funds goes to the nephew.

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arise when the buyers discover defects after closing that they're sure the sellers were aware of, but did not divulge.

Keep in mind that there's always the possibility that what you don't disclose, your friendly neighbor will disclose for you. Gregarious neighbors love to introduce new homeowners to neighborhood secrets. One seller didn't disclose to the buyer that a murder occurred on the property several years before. In short order, the neighbors made sure that the new owner was made aware of this fact. In California, sellers are required to disclose if a death occurred on the property within the last three years.

Another new homeowner discovered a drainage problem during the first rainy season after she bought her house. She referred to the seller's disclosure statement. The seller had answered "no" to the question asking about drainage problems. Later in a conversation with the next-door neighbor, the new homeowner was told that the downstairs of her house had routinely flooded every rainy season.

Another seller failed to disclose to a buyer that his roof was old and needed replacing. The buyer's home inspector asked the seller if he had experienced any roof problems. The seller said that he had not. After closing, the buyer became chummy with a neighbor. The

neighbor told him that the seller had received replacement bids from three different roofers. He had been planning to replace the roof before the next rainy season.

HOME SELLER TIP: Intentionally withholding material information about a property when you sell can have serious consequences. Before you sell, make sure you understand your disclosure responsibilities. Your real estate agent or a real estate attorney can provide you with this information.

Don't be afraid of disclosing information about your property. Disclosure laws were created to protect buyers, but they also protect sellers. If all the known information about a property is revealed upfront, you're less likely to be involved in an after-closing dispute.

It's also a good idea to make old inspection reports and estimates for work available to the buyer. One seller disclosed that his furnace was in good condition. After closing, the buyers called a local furnace contractor for a routine maintenance. It turned out that the furnace contractor had inspected the furnace for the previous owner, and recommended replacing the furnace because of a dangerous condition.

THE CLOSING: The buyers made a claim against the seller who ended up paying for a new furnace.

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Report

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year, yet only builds new housing units according to the report.

"The California housing market has been characterized by a decline in sales activity and price appreciation in 2001 remain strong into 2002, fits from a recovering economy," C.A.R. President Richard K. Baskin said.

Home sales for 2003 are expected to be 547,300 units, largely due to the unusually high level of sales in 2001. This year's sales recovery is set in 1999, according to economists.

Sales activity in 2002 spurred by the lower rates in decades, sluggish economy. Housing activity in the Central Valley and Southern California remained strong this year. Bay Area housing market has rebounded strongly from a weak market in 2001.

"California weather

nomical slowdown began over the past 18 months, expect the state to show growth than the nation in 2003," said Leslie Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

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original walls still standing, and is sitting on its original site. Thus, if a historic house has 75 percent or more of its outer and inner walls still standing, but the interior has been completely remodeled, it can still be called an extant structure.

Historic restoration: Any historic building in which the structure remains extant after the interior or exterior has been restored to its original appearance. The Paramount theater in Oakland is a historic restoration, while Sutter's Fort in Sacramento and most of the buildings at Fort Ross are merely historic recreations.

Not a style

Victorian: Refers to the period of Queen Victoria's Reign, from 1837 to 1901, and thus it is a historic era, and not a style. Any structure built between 1837 and 1901 in an English speaking country can properly be called a Victorian building, regardless of which of the many Victorian styles it displays.

Edwardian: Refers to any structure built from the beginning of King Edward's Reign (1901 to 1910) up until the beginning of World War One (1914). As with the term Victorian, any structure built in an English speaking country during these years can be

called Edwardian, regardless of which style from this era it employed.

Gothic: This is a style of architecture that was invented in Medieval France circa 1150, and was popular throughout Northern Europe until circa 1550. Its distinguishing features are: pointed arched doors and windows, large round stained glass windows called rose windows, tall towers with tapering spires, and flying (partially detached) buttresses.

Gothic Revival: Any structure which uses all or most of the features of the Gothic style, after the original Gothic period in Europe was over. There have been several Gothic Revivals since the end of the eighteenth century. The most prolific of them all was the Victorian Gothic Revival, from 1837 to circa 1875 (or circa 1901 for churches).

Renaissance: A period of revival of Ancient Classic styles (i.e., Greek and Roman) in art and architecture, which began in Italy circa 1400 and spread throughout Western Europe until circa 1600. Renaissance buildings are marked by the use of rounded arched windows and doors, symmetrical design, columns of Greek or Roman styles, and often in churches by domes in the center of the roof.

Renaissance Revival: Refers to any historic building that borrows most or all of its decorative details from the Italian Renaissance.

There have been several Renaissance revivals since the early nineteenth century. The most prolific ones are the Italianate style during the Victorian Era (circa 1845 to 1885), and the Beaux Arts style around the turn of the century (circa 1895 to 1920).

Beaux Arts: A style of architecture that was invented in France in the later 1800s, and was introduced to America at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. It combined the use of Renaissance details with interior metal framing, alternating planes along the facade, and allegorical (symbolic) statues and/or panels on the exterior. This style was almost entirely reserved for large public buildings, such as the San Francisco and Oakland city halls.

Colonial: In the United States, this term refers to any structure built during the period in which that area was under European Colonial rule. Thus in Virginia, any building built between the founding of the Jamestown Colony on 1607 and the Declaration of Independence in 1776 is an English Colonial building, while in California, any structure built between the founding of the first Franciscan Mission in San Diego in 1769 and the end of the Mexican American War in 1848 is a Spanish Colonial building.

Georgian: A specific Colonial style, which in America was used in the colonies of the Eastern

Seaboard from the start of King George I's reign in 1720 until the beginning of the Revolutionary War in 1775. These buildings incorporated English Georgian details, such as Palladian windows, porticos (columned porches), and symmetrical facades.

Early American: This term refers to any structure built during the Colonial Era up through the early years of American independence (i.e., 1607 to circa 1837). Thus, any Colonial Era building can be considered Early American, as can one built during the early 1830s.

Turn of the last century

Colonial Revival: An American architectural movement which involved the loose and free borrowing of various Early American motifs and details. This movement began in the late Victorian Era (circa 1890) and was popular until after the end of World War One, (circa 1920). Colonial Revival buildings were mostly houses, and they often mixed 17th century details such as overhangs with 18th century details such as Palladian windows.

Georgian Revival: A specific style of the Period Revival movement, which was used in America from circa 1900 until circa 1940.

Period Revival buildings were marked by an accurate use of historic details from specific past styles of European and American architecture. The most popular Period Revival styles were: Georgian, Tudor, Norman, Romanesque, Gothic, Italian Renaissance, and Spanish Colonial.

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gian, Tudor, Norman, Romanesque, Gothic, Italian Renaissance, and Spanish Colonial.

King Tut got it started

Art Deco: A decorative architectural movement that began in France and England circa 1925, and was popular in Europe, Canada, Latin America, and the United States until circa 1945. This began as an Egyptian Revival movement after the discovery of King Tut's tomb in Egypt in 1922, and grew to incorporate motifs from Babylon, Byzantium, Ancient Greece and Rome, Gothic

Europe, and Pre Columbian architecture. Its most common

motifs were: zig-zags, chevrons, sunbursts, rounded corners, and slabs along the base.

These buildings incorporated stylized geometric statues and symbols that symbolize the purpose of the building, such as the Egyptian pharaohs on the facade of the Paramount theater in Oakland, and the various figures from the ancient world in the industry like string.

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Do you have a termite problem? Just turn up the heat

Q: We have an upstairs bathroom floor with termites — and a family history of asthma. A termite inspection has confirmed the need for fumigation, yet we are hesitant due to the onset of asthma in a brother after he had his home fumigated. We've contacted the pest control company that has pioneered the use of nitrogen in freezing out termites. Do you have information on this method? All we have is promotional material from them and would like to be sure of its reliability before spending any money.

A: You are among the growing number of homeowners who seek less-toxic alternatives to the conventional methods of dealing with household pests. According to Sheila Darr, executive director of the Bio-Integral Resource Center, a non-profit organization formed in 1978 to provide practical information on least-toxic methods for managing pests, the effectiveness of the liq-



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uid nitrogen method is not as well documented as some of the other alternatives.

According to Darr, one of the most effective and least-toxic alternatives is one with the use of heat. This is a system wherein propane space heaters blow hot air through ducts into a tented structure raising the ambient temperature to about 150 degrees. That brings the core temperature of the wood-framing members to about 120 degrees — all that is required to slay those little varmints.

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place where it pools is right up against a horizontal piece of the wood framing for an inside wall. The framing board is sitting directly on the concrete, and it is Sheetrocked. I fear the board will rot. My question is, should I drill a channel for the water to run out? I don't know how it would drain onto our new driveway effectively, without creating a whole new problem.

A: You are correct. Continued exposure to moisture and water will eventually rot the wood in the wall and the wallboard. The fix we suggest might do the trick. However, it should be noted that replacement of the portion of the floor that slopes improperly is the correct solution.

First, trim the wallboard an

inch or so away from the floor so that it cannot get wet from the puddling. Next, drill quarter-inch holes every few inches between the floor and the mudsill (the horizontal bottom piece of wood at the bottom of the wall) so that water can drain through it. Spray inside the holes with Copper Green or some other product that contains copper naphthenate — a pesticide and wood preservative.

It also might be a good idea to add ventilation to your garage. Air can help to evaporate the moisture in the summer. If the holes don't clog with dirt or ice you should be fine. Also, don't drill the holes if the outside perimeter

We added a garage to our house two years ago. The concrete floor of the garage is slanted so that when we pull our car out during rainy season the water drips off the car pools at the spot. Unfortunately, the

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1021 Keeler, Berkeley Open Sun., 2-4

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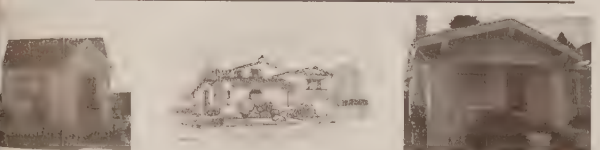
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Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

FOR THE PUBLIC

First-time Buyer Lottery
First-time buyers may find a bit of luck with a winning combination. The Alameda Redevelopment Agency, Alman Homes and Realtor **Betty Moore** are teaming up to help first-time homebuyers realize the American dream of homeownership. Nine new homes are to be built in San Leandro. Three of the homes will be placed on the open market. The remaining six will be sold through a lottery. Moore is the broker-owner of Realty World-Coliseum Realty. She is available to help potential purchasers find out if they qualify. Learn more by calling at 510-567-0257.

Bi-lingual Web site
In a move to serve the increasing numbers of non-English speaking homebuyers, RE/Max has launched RE Translate on its Web site. Those searching for real estate information can access data in 13 languages. Visit www.remax-california.com.

NAR Joins Alliance
The National Association of Realtors joined the Homeownership Alliance. The organization is dedicated to preserving, promoting and expanding housing opportunities for all Americans. NAR is one of five organizations on the Alliance's board of directors. This will ensure Realtors have a seat at the table when decisions are made con-

cerning national housing policy. To find out more about NAR visit www.realtor.org.

Green Workshop
Think GREEN! The free Green Remodeling Workshop will help homeowners learn to lower their utility bills. The workshop is Thursday, Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Building Education Center, in Berkeley. The facilitator is Architect **Greg VanMechelen** of VanMechelen Architects. Each attendee receives a copy of Residential Green Building Guidelines The Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board is sponsoring this event. For questions contact Program **Lois Clarke** at 510-614-1699.

Holidays Past
The Alameda Museum invites everyone to glimpse the spirit at "Visit Holidays Past". View the holiday baubles at the historic Meyers House Museum and Gardens from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 8. The furnishings and decor of the Meyers House, a Colonial Revival enhances the Christmas display. To find out more call 510-523-5907.

Free Homebuyer Workshop
Loan Consultant **George Johnson** of Ameristar Financial, offers a free first-time buyer informational workshop. The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23. The OAR Auditorium in Oakland is the location. Featured topics are zero percent down payment, FHA and conventional loans. Johnson will offer information on affordable properties. You must RSVP. Call Johnson's reservation hotline at

5410-287-5552 or visit his Web site at gbjohnson.com.

PHONES FOR SENIORS

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TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

Independent Real Estate Brokers has kicked off their Toys for Tots drive. They are looking for new, unwrapped toys. Last year the group collected 15 barrels of toys. Local firefighters relayed the need for more items, for ages 12 to 16. Toys may be dropped off at IREB offices throughout the Bay Area. For drop-off or pick-up information contact Project Coordinator **Jackie Ruiz** at 510-276-7900.

MOLD MENACE

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County holds a monthly meeting. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. "The Mold Menace" is the topic and the insurance industry's reaction to this problem. Make your reservations early for this

one, it's sure to fill up fast. Contact RHA at 510-893-9873 or via email at RHANAC@pacbell.net.

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WCR LUNCHEON

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting date is Friday, Nov. 22. The meeting begins with networking at 11:30. The location is the Ark at Pier 29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at the foot of the Park Street bridge). The topic for discussion is "Legal Issues Updates". For reservations call WCR president **George Johnson** of Ameristar Financial at 925-314-8314.

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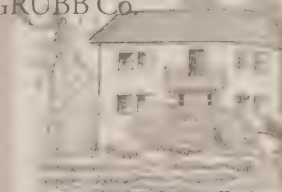
"The Dynamic Networking Breakfast" presented by the Associated Real Property Brokers is from 8 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20. The new location is Jimmie's Entertainment Complex on San Pablo, in Oakland. Realtors are invited to bring marketing flyers. For directions call **Tyrone Cossey** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.



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We have a new listing, a small house in the part of El Cerrito on the Albany border, a house which feels warm and light and homey to me, words I might have used to describe it, but I wanted more. I wanted to make a better message, a true one about this house, at least as I have experienced what it is like to be there.

My musings sent me to my usual resources, books of quotations and poetry, but nothing struck me as right. I had already chosen for the cover of our advertising flyer an illustration of two 1940-era children sitting on a comfy couch sharing a book with the title "Inside My House."

Wanting to explore the idea of what children might think and feel about home, their houses, I e-mailed a few friends with kids and asked what their kids had to say.

"What I like about our house is that it's ours and I've grown up to

love it," wrote back Emma Jackson, who is 10 years old. "Even though it's small, there's tons of great things to do and great things happened within it. It brings back memories. I have my own room. We have a fantastically fun back yard and things are just better in this house than others. Maybe because it doesn't have stairs to constantly walk up and down on. Maybe because we don't have far to run to the bathroom. Maybe because it's just the right house for us (except slightly smaller, but that's OK)"

Emma's remarks just blew my socks off. It was her saying that things are just better in her house than in others that really got me. That pretty much sums up Home, doesn't it?

But Emma's report is so much her own, so personal to her experience of her home, that I knew that I could not use her words on my flyer. Instead I pretended to be my



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own child. I began by writing what I thought a child might be imagining and worrying about in the outside world — rain and cold and dark, sharp teeth tigers, bears, large and growly, and leathery dragons.

Then I took that child home. I wrote that when she's home, she's left the outside out. All of those scary things are no longer with her because now she is at home. At the end I wrote, "In here, inside my house, home is all around me." That is the best thing about home to me, that when I'm inside, home is all around me. I can build a fire (and often do), work and walk in my garden, stock my refrigerator.

I like to rearrange my shelves and clean out drawers, neaten up the coffee table, and scrub the sink. Just about every evening of my life, I sit on the couch in the living room and watch TV out of the corner of my eye while reading magazines. I love doing this; it is a primary joy for me.

I watch my cats jump one another over ownership of the fireplace rug, turn off the lights in the

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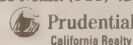
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BERKELEY \$639,000
(Open 2-4:30)

1390 QUEENS RD. Beautiful bay view 4BR/2BA Shingled Contemporary. Nicely updated & remodeled. Inviting open plan design, quiet hill location. Many extras. Leslie Avant x1341

LAUREL \$525,000
(Open 2-4:30)

3052-60 DELAWARE ST. 2 houses on 1 lot. One 4BR/2BA house w/fenced yard & dog run. And one 2BR/1BA house w/private yard. Dick Cohen x1308

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$449,000
(Open 2-4:30)

1016 NORWOOD AVE. Light & spacious 2BR/2BA home in desirable neighborhood. Hardwood flrs. Near Lakeshore & Glenview shopping. Nancy Moore x1302

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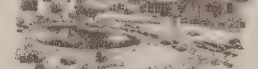


GLENVIEW \$449,000
(Open 2-4:30)

3932 WOODRUFF AVE. Charming 2BR/1BA Victorian w/enchanting period details. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, large back garden. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308



By Appointment



PIEDMONT \$3,500,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Incredible estate property. 5-BR residence & 1-BR guest house on almost 1 acre. Quiet, private setting. Georgia Cornell x1325



CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,920,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Custom details grace this newly built masterpiece. Beautiful views from this private 1.52+/- acre wooded setting. 5+BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

MONTCLAIR \$1,475,000
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Wonderful "courtyard" design. Fabulous Bay & San Francisco view. 4BR/3+BA, den and large kitchen. Francis Heath x1357

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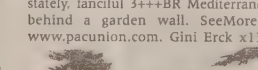
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(Open 2-4:30)

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ROCKRIDGE (LOWER) \$795,000
(Open 2-4:30)

1 commercial space & 4 units. Close to College Ave. Approximate annual income: \$87,000. Francis Heath x1357

MONTCLAIR \$648,000
(Open 2-4:30)

4BR/3BA haven, luxurious master suite w/private deck & hot tub. Approximately 2800sf. Three-car garage. Nancy Moore x1302

By Appointment



ROCKRIDGE \$645,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Two story shingle on tree lined street. 4+bedrooms. 2+bathts. Lots of extra space. Francis Heath x1357

RIDGEMONT \$629,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Tranquil S.Bay & canyon views. 3BR/2.5BA, eat-in kitchen, family room, formal dining room, large level yard. Robyn Mohr x1310



SAN LEANDRO \$589,000
(Open 2-4:30)

1931 3BR/2.5BA home in Estudillo Estates. Sunny eat-in kit, study, spacious family rm. Custom features, high ceilings, in-laid hardwood flrs. Candy Benny x1328



MAXWELL PARK \$285,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Cozy English-style charmer. 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, hardwood flrs, nook, garage. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

GLENVIEW \$475,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Duplex on quiet cul-de-sac. 2BR/1BA units. Wonderful setting. Francis Heath x1357



EL CERRITO \$449,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Wonderful light filled 3+BR/2BA home. Pretty private level gardens. Updated. Great cul-de-sac location near Mira Vista Country Club. Leslie Avant x1341

OAKLAND HILLS \$410,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Wonderful condo. 2BR/2BA & separate loft. Shows well. Francis Heath x1357

BERKELEY \$359,000
(Open 2-4:30)

Wonderful newer light filled 2BR/1BA Shingled Townhome. Pretty verdant views, interior access from garage. Near shops & transportation. Leslie Avant x1341

BERKELEY LOT \$250,000
(Open 2-4:30)

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A GARDEN with an old well (left) is one of the Orinda adobe's placid outdoor settings. The original beams (right) remain in the living room, as does the clay tile floor and colorful tile molding.

Past and present thrive in historic Orinda adobe and its garden

BY LINNEA SMITH JESSUP
CORRESPONDENT

In California, the adobe home, bathed in white and topped with red tile, and featuring arched entries, wooden beams and thick walls, evokes an aura of quiet days, with inhabitants relaxing while being soothed by running water in a courtyard. The romanticism of the California missions continues and it takes only a few seconds to imagine the days of fiestas and other colorful social occasions. The pace was slow. People had time to enjoy their natural surroundings and slow down on warm afternoons or gather around a cheery fire inside when fall brought cooler weather.

One look at the adobe on the winding road of La Noria, off Camino Sobrante in Orinda takes one down that path of imagined memory. The white adobe gleams appealingly, the wooden beams over windows speak of early architectural beauty. The plants, now intertwined after decades of sharing the same hillside, the flagstone walkways and the shaded garden beds seem as permanent as the thick walls of the adobe.

Ready, set, go back in time, yet with modern but well-disguised appointments that make this historic home comfortable for this century. Sound systems and updated wiring aren't visible but

provide modern-day technology, as do recessed lights. The kitchen, redone by the current owners, has wooden beams but the latest lighting and appliances, plus more space than any original adobe kitchen could ever have boasted.

Pecan wood and terra cotta tile create floors throughout the house that harmonize with the home's other features. Brightly patterned tiles serve as molding along the bottom of the living room walls while chiseled wood beams and wooden doors filled with glass panes give the room an historic feel. A fireplace in the living room — and ones in the family room and master bedroom as well — assure cozy nights, but there's also a three-zone heating system.

Built in the '20s, this home occupies a double lot, with pathways and gardens filling large portions of the property. In one corner of the rectangular lot is a small building once used for living but now perfect for a potting shed or children's playhouse. With a little effort, it could become an exquisite wine storage room, shaded as it is by trees and surrounded by roses and other plants.

The main building — there are three buildings which comprise this unusual home — includes the entry/living room, dining room and kitchen. To reach the family room,

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master suite and another bedroom, one must walk down a covered walkway — punctuated by colorful glazed tiles set into the whitewashed walls — and enter another building.

The new master bedroom has

a wooden ceiling, fireplace, walk-in closet and a white-tile bathroom nearly as big as the bedroom. Marble tile flooring and lamps and wall sconces give it an elegance

See ADOBE, Page B12



MODERN AND OLD STYLES (above) are deftly blended in the spacious master bathroom. Multi-level gardens (left) occupy one end of the 1.24-acre property.



2 New Listings



Open Sun.
2 - 4

6527 Knott Ave., El Cerrito

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VITAL STATISTICS

What: A restored adobe estate at 38 La Noria, Orinda

Size: Approximately 3,400 square feet in three adobe buildings, a series of covered walkways, on a 1.24-acre lot.

Bedrooms: Three in main building. A separate wing has two bedrooms and rooms could serve as two additional bedrooms.

Bathrooms: Two and one-half in main building.

Features: Pecan wood and clay tile floors, beam ceilings, walkways, extensive gardens with several terraces, modern kitchen, three fireplaces, walled courtyard. A mix of historic architecture and modern upgrades subtly installed to retain the appeal of the home.

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The Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board is sponsoring this event. For questions contact Lois Clarke at 510-614-1699.

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THE FIREPLACE in the abobe's family room gets a modern spotlight and adds warmth and charm.

Abobe

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not possible during the days of the original adobe.

Here, and throughout the home, items saved during renovations or duplicated to continue the theme have been lovingly installed. Examples are the unusual doorknobs and the ceiling beams.

One of the other two bedrooms, with wood floor, inset shelves and exposed wood ceiling, has a view of the lovely rectangle of garden at one end of the lot. There's a second bathroom in this wing as well and the hallway is brightened by a skylight.

At the other end of the property is a third wing, this one housing an office and a possible bedroom,

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which could be a separate guest quarters. This wing sits atop the garage. Brick walkways between the walkways are covered by the extended tile roof which is supported by wooden beams and these areas are welcoming with room for benches and other furniture, plus lights. Together they help form a small courtyard which has a low wall along the front of the home. Behind the house, a rock waterfall climbs up the steep hillside, and again, stone pathways lead to various terraces. Almost every room in the house has access to the outdoors, and can

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1515 Santa Clara Open Sun, www.openhomesalameda.com Gallagher & Lindsey Patricia Gualillo	480/3BA	2-4	\$710,000
57 Noble Pointe Open Saturday & Sunday Harbor Bay Realty Mark Poynter	4 + 80/3BA	2-4	\$698,000
1421 Union St Open Saturday & Sunday Harbor Bay Realty Kathy Bell-Moody	3 + 1/2	2-4	\$679,000
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319 Laguna Vista Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$668,000
2500 Yosemite Ave Open Saturday & Sunday Harbor Bay Realty Steve Brandt	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$639,900
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1414 Pearl St Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	380/2BA	2-4	\$625,000
1901 Hibbard St Open Saturday & Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$618,000
151 Purcell Dr Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$579,000
146 Brighton Rd Open Saturday & Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	380/2BA	2-4	\$558,000

3216 Fairview Ave Open Sat & Sun, www.openhomesalameda.com Gallagher & Lindsey Bill Bissett	480/1.5BA	2-4	\$358,000
3304 Encinal Ave Open Sunday, Main Island Kane & Associates	380	2-4	\$550,000
1709 Persi St Open Sunday Prudential CA Realty	380/1 + BA	1-4	\$538,000
2120 Eagle Ave Open Saturday & Sunday, Main Island Kane & Associates	480	2-4	\$528,000
137 Parfall Ln Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	380/2BA	2-4	\$525,000
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1541 Santa Clara Ave. Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	2 + 80/2BA	2-4	\$478,000
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1040 Central Ave Open Sunday Realty World Marlene Associates	3 + 1/2	2-4	\$445,000

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623 Shorepoint #118 Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	180	2-4	\$296,000
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1333 Webster St #A205 Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty	280	2-4	\$190,000

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633 Santa Fe Prudential, Lakes, 510-945-0211	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$448,000

BERKELEY

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1715 Grand View Dr. The Grubb Co	480/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,850,000
20 Oak Ridge Road Prudential CA Realty, 510-945-0211	380/4.5	Sun 2-5	\$1,890,000
1461 Olympus Ave. The Grubb Co	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$998,000
2740 Derby St Marin Gardens, Julia Wynberg, 510-559-1444 x31	480/2.5	Sun 1-4	\$998,000
2865 Rose Street The Grubb Co	3 + 1/2	Sun 2-4:30	\$995,000
628 San Luis Rd Korn & Hg. Martin, 510-945-0225	580/2.5	Sun 2-5	\$885,000
700 Wildcat Canyon Rd Berkeley Hills Realty, Mega Trilling, 510-534-9888 x18	480/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$945,000
1981 Tunnel Rd The Grubb Co	3 + 1/2	Sun 2-4:30	\$779,000
2908 Pine Avenue The Grubb Co	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$778,000
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1021 Keeler Berkeley Hills Realty, Bill & Tracy, 510-524-9888 x33	280/1 + BA	Sun 2-4	\$650,000
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1390 Queens Pacific Union Lentil Avanti, 510-338-1341	480/2BA	Sun 2-4:30	\$638,000
2940 Ellis St Prudential, California Realty, Doane Ford/Anja Piontelli, 510-945-0211	480/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$575,000
1318 Orway St Prudential, California Realty, Doane Ford/Anja Piontelli, 510-945-0211	280/1BA	Sun 1-4	\$550,000
1711 Buena Ave Prudential, Canfield, 510-868-1691	380/1BA	Sun 2-5	\$548,000
2023 Carleton St Prudential California Realty, Jada, 510-868-1400	380/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$525,000
2215 Oregon St Thornwell Properties, Nancy Fox, 510-448-1950 x235	380/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$489,000
2152 Sacramento RED OAK, Jennifer Lusk, 510-292-2064	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$390,000
1402 Dwight Prudential, Oleson, 510-889-1402	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$389,000
1812 McGee RED OAK, Schleyer, 510-289-2175	2 + 1/2	Sun 2-4	\$385,000
2639 Elmo St Prudential CA Realty, Colette Ford/Anja Piontelli, 510-945-0211	180/1BA	Sun 2-5	\$379,000
1901 10th St Security Pacific, Jamie Lake, 510-482-8487	280/1BA	Sun 1-5	\$348,000
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2700 LaConita Prudential, Galy Olander, 510-945-0211	180/1BA	Sun 1-4	\$338,000
2880 Ashby Ave. Elmwood, Open Sunday, Coldwell Banker, Adele M. Wong, 510-338-4700	80/BA	2-5	\$299,000
1111-1113 Hearst RED OAK, Dana Corbett, 510-280-2152	380/2.5	Sun 2-4	\$595,000

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809 Richmond St Security Pacific, Carla Deo Zappa, 510-692-6559	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$389,950
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1412 86th Street Bill Goldman, Reflex, 510-420-1963	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$399,000
6201 Baker St RED OAK, Charlie Cook, 510-280-2163	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$259,000
4090 Norfolk Rd. The Grubb Co	480/4.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,150,000
7112 Westmonte Oakland Hills Realty, Open Sunday, Coldwell Banker, David Eckert, 510-338-4700	480/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,095,000
6146 Mazzelle Dr The Grubb Co	4 + 1/2	Sun 2-4:30	\$999,000
7172 Norfolk Rd. The Grubb Co	480/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$999,000
3105 Holywood Montclair, Open Sunday, Coldwell Banker, Becky Anderson, 510-338-4700	380/2BA	1-4	\$879,000
497-503 Fairbanks "8 units, Grand Lake, Open Sunday Better Homes	380-4A*	2-4:30	\$875,000
6079 Cotton Blvd. Oakland Wells & Bennett, Heidi Kersney, 510-331-7000 x249	480/4BA	Sun 2-4:30	\$945,000
6629 Exeter Dr. Montclair, Open Sunday, Coldwell Banker, Ellen Lancaster, 510-338-4700	480/4BA	1-4	\$948,000
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661 Via Rialto Pacific Union Christian Dwyer, 510-338-1340	480/3BA	Sun 2-4:30	\$815,000
6680 Exeter Drive The Grubb Co	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$899,000
7455 Woodrow Ave. Pacific Union Nancy Moore, 510-338-1302	3 + 1/2	Sun 2-4:30	\$899,000

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243 Lake Dr Marvin Gardens, Todd Holden, 510-559-2915	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$548,000

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105 Sonia St (Rockridge) Prudential, Sheila Sabino, 510-428-0800	280/1BA	Sun 2-4:30	\$638,000

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1138 Drury Road Wells & Bennett	480/4BA	2-4:30	\$1,798,000
1228 Grand View Dr (Oakland Hills) Prudential, Kirk Phillips, 510-287-8812	500/4.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,525,000
6926 Norfolk Rd. The Grubb Co	4 + 80/4.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,385,000
7044 Norfolk Rd. The Grubb Co	480/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,275,000
192 Villanova Lane Wells & Bennett, Danj Henington, 510-331-7000 x229	3 + 80/4BA	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
7172 Buckingham Blvd (Clarendon Hill) RED OAK, Fred Norwood, 510-338-5223	480/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,104,000
5310 Robinson Drive The Grubb Co	480/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,175,000
7 White Ct Prudential-Montclair, Heidi Marchant, 510-338-4700	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,169,000
6960 Norfolk Rd. The Grubb Co	480/4.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,150,000
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6146 Mazzelle Dr The Grubb Co	4 + 1/2	Sun 2-4:30	\$999,000
7172 Norfolk Rd. The Grubb Co	480/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$999,000
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1340 Trellis Glen Rd. The Grubb Co	480/1.5BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,040,000
1735 Trellis Glen Rd. Better Homes Shardella Sims, 510-338-4700	380/2BA	1-4:30	\$1,040,000
8026 Shepherd Canyon The Grubb Co	380/2.5BA	1-4	\$1,040,000
1901 Rosemont Prudential, Jennifer, 510-338-4700	380/2.5	Sun 2-4	\$1,040,000
597 Haddon Rd. Prudential, Doug Higgins, 510-338-4700	4 + 1/2	Sun 2-4	\$1,040,000
6725 Oakwood Pacific Union Jeanine Waller, 510-338-4700	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,040,000
2811 Steinmetz (Lincoln) RED OAK, Marc Quay, 510-280-2163	4 + 1/2	Sun 2-4	\$1,040,000
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Realtist

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(DRE). After passing the exam, there are more required courses and then a continuing education curriculum in order to maintain a license.

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Here's hoping I have cleared up any confusion regarding these terms.

A rose is a rose.

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TOTAL SALES: 26
LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$302,346

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TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$400,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$413,079

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The lottery homes are two-story with three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two-car garages and many amenities. Prices range from \$289,900 to \$419,500.

Alman Homes LLC is headquartered in Encino. The company has been building homes for over 30 years. They specialize in pro-

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Betty Moore is the broker-owner of Realty World-Coliseum Realty. She has been in the industry for twenty-two years and specializes in East Bay residential and small income properties.

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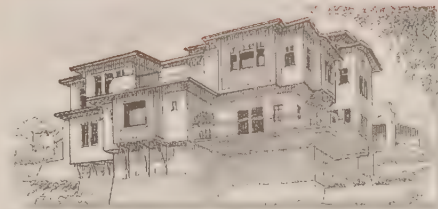
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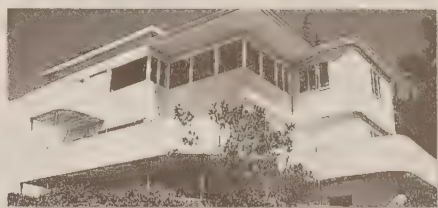


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Section C

St. Mary's Rios-Sotelo isn't slowed down by the rain

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

52 seconds over the hilly 3.1-mile Oakland course.

"I'm happy it rained," said Rios-Sotelo, a sophomore. "I ran in rain at state last year, and it was a good race."

Rios-Sotelo didn't have to deal with heavy rain until she was halfway through the race, but by that time, she had approximately a 100-yard lead over the next competitor.

Rios-Sotelo bolted to first at the beginning of the race and by the time she started the last of the course's four loops, she held a 41-second lead.

Rios-Sotelo finished with a

time of 22:19, more than a minute ahead of second-place finisher Jehan Sparks of Piedmont (23:27).

"It feels great," Rios-Sotelo said of the win.

"I was really excited to run this race. I've waited for it."

As a freshman, Rios-Sotelo finished second to teammate Bridget Duffy, who now runs for Cal.

Piedmont won the girls title with an impressive score of 23, followed by St. Mary's (41). The Highlanders placed five runners in the top seven to win.

The boys' race was much closer, as Carey did not take control of the race until the third of four loops.

The junior was third halfway

through the race, but he took approximately a 50-yard lead after the third loop and lengthened his advantage on the final loop.

Carey, who finished 15th in last year's league championships, used a steep 100-meter incline to make his move.

"I'm actually very surprised (about the win)," said Carey, who won the race by 18 seconds.

"I was afraid the (second-place) guy was right behind me (at the end), so I had to make sure I kept my pace and form."

Piedmont, paced by a second-place finish from Nick Raushenbush (20:10), also took the boys' title with a score of 40. St. Mary's was second (51).

PREP BOYS

BSAL championships

3.1 miles at Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland

Team scores: Piedmont 23, St. Mary's 41, Salesian 55, Albany 91, Salesian 113, St. Patrick inc.

Individual results: Sean Carey (A) 19:52, Nick Raushenbush (P) 20:10, Neil Rodriguez (S) 20:18, Neil Rodriguez (S) 20:18, Ricky Griffin (P) 20:20, Cole Buzzei (P) 20:34, Andrew Wright (S) 20:37, Sandro Moya-Smith (P) 20:46, Scott Howard (SM) 20:48, Tim Rodriguez (SM) 21:02, Matt Mullarkey (SM) 21:03, Sean Daly (SP) 21:04, Emilio Flores (SM) 21:18, Chris Lao-Scott (S) 21:18, Jake Tixera (SM) 21:22, Pader Benhelen (S) 21:27, Sean Kandy (S) 21:28, Chris Wild (A) 21:47, Jerry Chuang (A) 21:56, Chris Munoz (SP) 22:04, Chris Dacaro (S) 22:34, Joey Aurora (P) 23:07, Rafael Martin (S) 23:16, John Shea (A) 23:48, Alex Cowell (SP) 24:14, Keyvan Berenian (S) 24:18, David Braz (S) 24:18, Sam Harold (A) 25:12.

ACCAL championships

2.95 miles at Tilden Park, Berkeley

Team scores: Berkeley 23, Alameda 34, El Cerrito inc. Pinole Valley inc.

Individual results: Alex Enosco (B) 16:54, Eli Reichart (A) 17:25, Austin Hicks (PV) 17:45, Marty Skeels (A) 18:02, Nic Riley (B) 18:14, Bradley Johnson (B) 18:20, Alex Weissman (B) 18:42, Jonathan Finley (B) 19:06, Nick Fazzino (A) 19:11, Anthony O'Toole (A) 19:14, David Lindstrom (A) 20:29, Collen Faith (PV) 22:26, Andrew Tamura (EC) 23:26, Pao Xiong (EC) 24:07, Kevin Morrison (EC) 24:15.

PREP GIRLS

BSAL championships

3.1 miles at Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland

Team scores: Piedmont 23, St. Mary's 41, Salesian 74, St. Joseph 89, Albany inc., St. Patrick inc.

Individual results: Gabriela Rios-Sotelo (SM) 22:19, Jehan Sparks (P) 23:27, Ali Rowe (P) 23:36, Emily Olson (SM) 24:02, Naomi Sparks (P) 24:19, Danielle Geong (P) 24:30, Enza Simpson (P) 25:07, Lisa Marchini (S) 25:37, Nicole Shanahan (SM) 26:03, Marlee Patton (S) 26:19, Michela Chastey (SM) 26:30, Thea Ricchuto (S) 26:35, Adrian Connolly (A) 28:52, Megan Harrington (SM) 27:47, Pia Virel (S) 28:17, Alegra O'Donoghue (S) 28:19, Pauline Mu (S) 28:34, Julie Candall (S) 28:50, Umar Babrak (S) 28:55, Diana Ko (SP) 29:11, Tran Nguyen (SM) 31:14, Dyan Rivera (SP) 33:35, Amelia Duncan (S) 35:00.

ACCAL championships

2.95 miles at Tilden Park, Berkeley

Team scores: Alameda 15, El Cerrito 50

Individual results: Corinne Roberts (A) 21:13, Kristin Wheeler (A) 22:10, Jill Zarfas (A) 22:25, Jessica Vaughan (A) 22:38, Jennifer Steiner (A) 23:31, Alexandra Teng (EC) 25:46, Francasca Petroni (EC) 27:46, Anna Kooyman (EC) 27:59, Megan Orr (EC) 30:02, Shanna Jones (EC) 33:44.

PREP FOOTBALL

Berkeley whitewashes Alameda 50-0



STEVE MAS-ANKA/STAFF

BERKELEY HIGH'S Sean Young leaps into the end zone to complete a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Jackets shut down Hornets' high-scoring offense

By Pete Elman
CONTRIBUTOR

defeated Berkeley High just keeps on rolling. In Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game played Friday in the rain at Thompson in Alameda, the Yellow Jackets' outstanding league-leading defense recorded a third shutout and fourth in five games. Berkeley blasted Alameda, a team that has been playing nearly 30 points a game, to a 50-0 victory. Behind a hard-charging offense, the Yellow Jackets

■ El Cerrito wins, St. Mary's falls to John Swett. See page 2.

(9-0, 6-0 ACCAL) rolled up 269 yards on the ground. Led by sophomore halfback Antoine Cokes (nine carries, 147 yards, two touchdowns) Berkeley repeatedly burned the Hornets defense for big gains.

"They feasted on our mistakes," said Alameda coach Kevin Hennessee, whose team fell to 6-3 and 3-3 in the ACCAL. "They're good at that. Their defense is excellent."

It didn't help that the Hornets

were beat up going into the game.

"We went into the game without several starters, and got even more banged up during the game. We ran out of bodies," Hennessee said afterward.

On a field made muddy by the recent torrential rains, Hornets offensive guru George Calandri thought before kickoff that his team could benefit from the conditions.

"Getting outside will be hard, and this (mud) should slow them down. I've always felt that a wet field favors the offense," he said.

But on this night it was the Yellow Jackets that took advantage, stifling the Hornets offense at every turn. Although the offense scored six of their seven touchdowns, it was clearly the Berkeley defense that made the difference.

Huge (320-pound) defensive tackle Jamal Johnson-Lucas (12 tackles) clogged the middle all night, shutting down any lanes for the Alameda running attack.

Berkeley senior linebackers Robert Hunter-Ford and Owen Goldstrom were everywhere, doing a fine job shutting down

league-leading rusher Tavis Ve'e, who earned only 61 yards on 17 carries, a season low.

The Jackets' secondary of Christopher Watson, Justin Cain, Emeka Echebulu and Shawn Brown blanketed the Hornets receivers — Alameda quarterback Tom Gay had a rough outing, completing only 3 of 9 passes for 19 yards.

After going three and out on their first possession of the game, the Hornets punted. Two plays later from midfield, Cokes broke

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Piedmont frolics in Albany mud

■ Highlanders defense intercepts five passes in easy victory over the Cougars

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — At Golden Gate Fields, located less than two miles away, they use a word to describe track conditions that were applicable to Cougar Field last Friday afternoon. Slop.

Surprisingly, the visiting Pied-

mont Highlanders, whose home field is the rather neat FieldTurf Witter Field, adjusted better to it than the home team and came away with a 21-2 victory over Albany.

"We knew what the conditions would be here, so we had our linemen take little steps so they wouldn't slip," Piedmont coach Rusty Robb said. "We also didn't make any turnovers early in the game."

Taking advantage of the muddy conditions, Piedmont (6-3, 3-1 BSAL) limited the Cougars (2-7, 0-4) to 34 yards rushing and

also blocked off five passes, including two each by Chris Briscoe-Welden and Mac Conn.

It was another fine defensive effort by Piedmont, albeit against a weak Albany offense, which had several starters missing from an already thin team. It should have allowed the Highlanders to start out quick and bury the Cougars, but the field conditions prevented that.

The first mistake Albany made was actually a fumbled lateral, which Conn recovered at

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JOANNA JHENDAN/STAFF

ALBANY'S BRAD PHELPS gains some tough yards against Piedmont Friday's game, which was won by the Highlanders 21-2.

quite as wild about 'Harry' and installment of the Harry Potter has ample charm, but lacks the novelty of the first entry. Page C3

Theater

■ Salman Rushdie work "Haroun and the Sea of Stories" makes its West Coast premiere at Berkeley Rep. Page C3

It's showtime

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Media Notes

■ How the Democrats failed to convey a message in the media to attract voters. Page C3

Swett rips St. Mary's

Indians roll for 400 rushing yards and stay unbeaten in league

By Phil Jensen
TIMES STAFF WRITER

CROCKETT — The John Swett High School football team earned at least a share of the Bay Shore Athletic League title with an impressive 35-14 victory Friday over St. Mary's.

It's the first varsity football league title for the Indians since it won the Superior California Athletic League outright in 1996. John Swett can win the BSAL title outright with a victory at St. Patrick today.

"It makes me real proud," said John Swett coach John Angell about his team's play Friday. "We wanted to show John Swett is back on the map."

The Indians (9-0, 4-0 BSAL) were dominating in their ball control, as they ran 55 running plays and gained 400 rushing yards. Showing excellent speed on sweeps, Anthony Parrish

paced John Swett with 182 yards on 18 carries and three touchdowns. But elusive Nate Boatwright (114 yards, 16 carries, one touchdown) and powerful Ronnie Evans (17 carries, 96 yards, one touchdown) also caused big problems for the St. Mary's defense.

"John Swett was able to run that same toss-sweep all game long," said St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson. "They were controlling the line of scrimmage."

St. Mary's (4-4-1, 2-2) out-gained John Swett 75 yards to 66 in a scoreless first quarter. But the Panthers suffered a key injury when linebacker Nick Osborn went down with an ankle injury on the last play of the quarter, which sidelined him for the rest of the game. John Swett scored three plays into the second quarter on a 39-yard sweep by Parrish.

St. Mary's responded with a 57-yard touchdown run by Fred Hives, who finished with a team-high 114 yards rushing. But the Indians proceeded to march 76 yards on 14 plays, taking more

than 7½ minutes off the clock. Evans ended the drive with a 6-yard run up the middle for a 13-6 Indians lead with one minute, 56 seconds left in the first half.

After a Parrish interception gave the Indians the ball back on their 48, they drove and missed a chance at a 1-yard touchdown by Evans when an illegal shift was called. But John Swett place-kicker Sam Gonzalez nailed a 23-yard field goal with two seconds left in the half to give the Indians a 16-6 halftime lead.

John Swett built on its lead in the third quarter on an 11-yard run by Boatwright, but the Panthers came back with a 13-yard scoring pass from Scott Tully to Steve Murphy. Murphy also reached the end zone on the conversion run, bringing the Panthers within nine points at 23-14 with two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

But the Indians controlled possession for the rest of the game, allowing no St. Mary's first downs while driving for 2- and 1-yard touchdown runs by Parrish.

El Cerrito runs all over Encinal

Gauchos pile up 223 yards rushing in 40-14 victory over Jets

By Dean Caparaz
CORRESPONDENT

El Cerrito High School ran wild over Encinal 40-14 as Gauchos coach George Austin stuck to his ground game in Friday's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

"Our game plan was simple — just run the football and get the ball in Ryan Shafer's hands," Austin said. "He's an excellent running back. And we've got a senior (offensive) line, all the way across. We wanted our seniors to go out winners in their last home game of the season."

The Gauchos (4-5, 3-3 ACCAL) have posted back-to-back wins heading into their regular-season finale Friday at Berkeley. The Jets (1-8, 1-5) dropped their third straight game.

The line of Ornan Nwansi, Terrell Thomas, Noel Estes,

Kevin Stewart and President Davis opened up holes all night for Shafer and Company to the tune of 34 rushes for 223 yards. Shafer ran 15 times for 120 yards and one touchdown. Teammate John Norman ran 10 times for 58 yards and two scores.

Gauchos quarterback Robert Wright threw just five times and completed two passes for 15 yards.

Encinal quarterback Drew Dozier was harassed all night by the El Cerrito pass rush. While the Gauchos didn't sack him, Dozier's numbers in the air were far from dazzling: 7-of-24 for just 92 yards and three interceptions. However, Dozier ran 12 times for 127 yards and a touchdown.

Shafer drew first blood with a 35-yard punt return for a touchdown at the 5:49 mark of the first quarter.

The running back caught the ball in a muddy part of the field but broke down the dry right sideline for the score.

With 1:15 remaining in the

first stanza, Norman plunged into the end zone from 1 yard out for his first touchdown of the night. A bad snap and low kick on the ensuing PAT kept the score at 13-0.

At 11:52 of the second quarter, Shafer scampered over the left tackle for a seven-yard TD. At 7:58, Norman showed some nifty moves with a 20-yard scoring run, which made the score 27-0.

Encinal finally got on the scoreboard with Kalani Otenbriet's 3-yard TD run at with 2:21 remaining in the half. The Gauchos led 27-8 at halftime.

In the second half, El Cerrito controlled the clock and the game by running the ball. The Gauchos ran for two more touchdowns to put the game out of reach, but the highlight of the second half was Dozier's 70-yard scoring run with 7:44 remaining in the game.

Berkeley

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over right tackle and sprinted into the end zone to give Berkeley all the points the Yellow Jackets would need. Place-kicker Terrell Elliott (4-for-5 PATs) converted the extra point.

The Alameda offense marched down the field on a promising drive, but turned the ball over on downs at the Berkeley 21 when Hornets cornerback Jerry Barnes, inserted at running back, was caught in the backfield for a loss.

"We could have really used that score," Calandri said.

On their next possession Antoine's older brother, Finus Cokes (four carries, 44 yards), elevated to starting fullback due to an injury to Aaron Boatwright, caught a pass from quarterback Desalines Gant (6-of-9, 125 yards) for 16 yards down to the Hornets' 21. On the next play he scored on a perfectly executed trap play, giving the Jackets an early 14-0 lead.

Albany

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The Cougars' 28-yard line with a just more than four minutes left to go in the first quarter. It took Piedmont seven plays to score, with Pat Castles plunging a yard for the touchdown with 2:43 left.

The Highlanders' second score came in the second period when quarterback Brian Trowbridge threw a 13-yard scoring pass to Conn with three minutes left in the half.

Linebacker David Tovani knocked down a fourth-down pass, and Piedmont took over on the Albany 49. One play later Castles ran for 16 yards and on the next play, Trowbridge scrambled for 16 more and a first down at the Cougars' 19.

The Hornets offense sputtered again, and Jordan Flores punted from his own 15, the kick skidding past return specialist Sean Young to the Berkeley 35.

But Young, Berkeley's speedy senior receiver, showed why he is headed for Cal next year. Facing a line of six Hornets tacklers, Young picked up the ball, broke free of two tacklers, ran to the outside, picked up a couple of blocks and cut back to the middle, outrunning the field en route to a spectacular 65-yard touchdown.

The point after was blocked, and with the score 20-0 the home crowd, already soaked, was getting antsy.

On the ensuing kickoff the Hornets fumbled and Brown recovered for the Jackets at the Alameda 20. A pass from Gant to Young was completed just short of the goal line as the clock ran out on the half.

"We were impressive tonight," Berkeley coach Matt Bissell. "The ball bounced our way. We knew we had to run more given the conditions, and our offensive line

had a wonderful game."

The second half was all Berkeley, as the Cokes brothers pounded the ball downfield, not allowing Alameda a chance to get on the board, let alone back in the game.

Antoine Cokes, on just the second play from scrimmage in the second half, broke over the middle, cut outside, and scooted 65 yards down the right sideline for his second score of the game to put the Berkeley lead to 27-0.

"When we got behind, they pressed us. They got a lead and just loaded up defensively. They out-quickied us — there's a reason why they're undefeated," Hennessey said.

Watson, inserted at running back, scored twice late in the game on short runs, and backup quarterback Jeff Spellman scored Berkeley's final touchdown on a 2-yard keeper. Hunter-Ford, who also plays tight end, caught his second two-point conversion pass of the game to make the final 50-0.

Mark Jones ran for 6 yards before Trowbridge threw the scoring pass to Conn.

The Cougars roused themselves just once, and that came at the start of the second half when Piedmont fumbled the kickoff, which went out of bounds at the Highlanders' 2-yard line. Albany's Brad Phelps and Antonio Muscardin then dropped Jones in his own end zone for a safety and it was 14-2.

The Cougars took the ensuing free kick and drove from their own 36 to the Piedmont 32, but the drive died on downs. The Highlanders gained 4 yards on the next possession and had to punt, but Briscoe-Welden picked off an Albany pass two plays later at their own 44.

With field conditions deteriorating and darkness enveloping

ON DECK

Prep football

El Cerrito at Berkeley, 6 p.m. tonight — The Yellow Jackets (9-0, 6-0 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) can achieve an undefeated regular season with a win against the Gauchos (4-5, 3-3), who are riding a two-game winning streak.

Piedmont at St. Mary's, 1:30 p.m. Saturday — The Panthers (4-4-1, 2-2 BSAL) need a win to have a shot at a berth in the North Coast Section playoffs.

JC football

Contra Costa at Feather River, 5 p.m. Saturday — The Comets (4-4, 2-1) will attempt to continue their winning streak against a Feather River squad that is averaging 394.5 yards per game.

Girls volleyball

BSAL championship match, 7 p.m. Saturday. — At press time, top seed Albany has an excellent chance of hosting this match, which will take

place at the school of the top seed which is still playing.

North Coast Section playoffs, first round, Tuesday, TBA — ACCAL champion Berkeley and Albany, which was undefeated in the BSAL regular season, are among the teams that could start action. Berkeley is the defending Division I champion.

Girls tennis

North Coast Section singles/doubles championships at Freedom, 10 a.m. Tuesday — ACCAL singles champion Megan Sweeney of Berkeley will be among the participants in this elite tournament.

Stars of the week

Ryan Shafer, El Cerrito football — Shafer rushed for a team-high 120 yards on 15 carries and scored two touchdowns in the Gauchos' 40-14 win over Encinal. Shafer returned a punt 35 yards for a touchdown and rushed seven yards for a score.

Megan Sweeney, Berkeley girls tennis — Sweeney won the ACCAL

singles title with a 6-1, 6-2 win over teammate Clara Matsuda.

Antione Cokes, Berkeley football — The sophomore scored game-high 147 yards on 18 carries, including touchdown runs of 65-yards, as the Yellow Jackets defeated Alameda 50-0.

Sean Carey, Albany football — The junior won the Shore Athletic League championship meet title with a time of 10:15.52 seconds over a field of 100. Joaquin Miller Park course.

Alex Encaso, Berkeley cross country — The junior second straight ACCAL championship meet title with a time on a 2.95 mile Tilden Park course.

Gabriela Rios-Soto, Berkeley girls cross country — The sophomore didn't trail at the BSAL championship meet, as she came in a time of 22:19 on the 3.1-mile course at Joaquin Miller Park, but a minute ahead of the place finisher.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

BSAL

Albany at Kennedy

■ **WHERE:** Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond

■ **WHEN:** 3 p.m.

■ **LAST WEEK:** Albany lost to Piedmont 21-2; Kennedy lost to St. Patrick 15-6.

■ **RECORDS:** Albany 2-7, 0-4 BSAL; Kennedy 1-8, 0-4.

■ **FACTS:** During its four-game losing streak, the Cougars' offense has scored only 38 points. The Cougars' only score last week came on a third-quarter safety. The Eagles have not fared much better, scoring only 42 points in that same span. Running back Antonio Norman continues to be one of the few bright spots in the Eagles' dismal season.

Piedmont at St. Mary's

■ **WHERE:** Hopkins & Albina streets, Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Piedmont 6-3, 3-1 BSAL; St. Mary's 4-4-1, 2-2

■ **LAST WEEK:** Piedmont defeated Albany 21-2, St. Mary's lost to John Swett 35-14

■ **FACTS:** The Highlanders have only given up 42 points in four BSAL games; on the other hand they've averaged just under 16 points a game on offense.

El Cerrito at Berkeley

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley High School, 2223 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** tonight, 6 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** El Cerrito 3-3 ACCAL, 4-5 overall; Berkeley 6-0, 9-0.

■ **LAST WEEK:** El Cerrito beat Encinal 40-14; Berkeley beat Alameda 50-0.

■ **FACTS:** The Gauchos had only a minimal total offense advantage over Encinal last week, accumulating 238 yards to the Jets' 225. But El Cerrito intercepted three Encinal passes. The Yellow Jackets, as last week's score indicates, completely dominated Alameda. Berkeley finished with 425 total yards to the Hornets' 123.

ACCAL standings

	W	L	T	PF
Berk.	6	0	0	233
Pied.	5	1	0	143
DA	4	3	0	143
Ala.	3	3	0	111
EC	3	3	0	140
Harc.	3	3	0	141
Enc.	1	5	0	141
Rich.	0	7	0	7

Friday's results
Berkeley 50, Alameda 0
El Cerrito 40, Encinal 14
De Anza 22, Hercules 8
Pinole Valley at Richmond, forfeit

Tonight's games
El Cerrito at Berkeley, 6
Encinal vs. Alameda at Thompson
Pinole Valley at Hercules, 7
De Anza at Richmond, forfeit

BSAL standings

	W	L	T	PF
JSwett	4	0	0	152
Pied.	3	1	0	143
SP	3	1	0	102
SM	2	2	0	128
Alb.	0	4	0	34
Kenn.	0	4	0	42

Friday's results
Piedmont 21, Albany 2
John Swett 35, St. Mary's 14
St. Patrick 15, Kennedy 6

Today's game
Albany at Kennedy, 3 p.m.
John Swett at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Piedmont at St. Mary's, 1:30 p.m.

ACCAL

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last two seasons, as they have grown with the sport, so has their willingness to accept a greater role.

"As you get older, there's more responsibility," Dykstra said. "You start feeling pressure to carry the team."

And they have taken that lesson to heart, making it a point to get a team of strangers, who finished the 2001 season at 8-15, into an NCS tournament squad.

"This is the best season I've ever had," Dickinson said. "The team has really grown together. We're very close. I didn't feel our success was individualized."

Although Dykstra and Dickinson are quick to deflect the credit, they were instrumental in making the Spartans' 8-7 sudden-death loss to Sir Francis Drake on Saturday in the first round one to remember.

BSAL

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Mary's has given up 817 yards rushing, and that includes Patrick O'Donnell's 316 yards in the loss to the Bruins.

"We're not playing real well against the rush," St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson said. "John Swett executed their drive blocks very well and got us off the ball. (The Indians) are definitely bigger and stronger than last year and they also have great confidence in each other."

"Their defense is very underrated, very unselfish."

The Panthers (5-4-1) are in

The loss cast a shadow over Dykstra's five-goal performance, including three fourth-quarter goals to force overtime and one more in the first half of overtime to give the Spartans a momentary 7-6 lead.

Dickinson also came up huge, collecting 16 saves to keep the contest from getting out of hand.

"To lose like that was hard. But we cheered up later. (The Pirates) knew who Pinole was after that," Dickinson said.

VOLLEYBALL: According to Berkeley coach Justin Caraway, Vanessa Williams set a team record for kills in a season with 262.

The record-setting feat came during the Yellow Jackets' three-game sweep of El Cerrito on Nov. 7 when she surpassed Desiree Guilliard-Young's mark of 247 and finished with 249 kills to that point.

She has since added to that record with 13 more kills on Tuesday. That brings her total to 262 following Berkeley's win

over Alameda to capture team's third consecutive CAL title and third consecutive undefeated league season.

De Anza may not have the same success as the Jackets, but that will be the Dons from calling their son a success.

According to Dons coach Paula Bonkofsky, the team exceptionally well coached, it didn't have a coach until two weeks prior to the start of the league season.

As a result of the delay, Anza played no preseason matches but still managed to pull off a 5-9 ACCAL record.

The Dons' latest win last Tuesday following a 15-6, 15-4 win over Richmond to close out the regular season.

"The biggest challenge that we didn't have a lot of time to get ourselves prepared," Bonkofsky said. "We had preseason, but we gave our best shot."

danger of falling out of North Coast Section playoff consideration if they don't defeat Piedmont at home on Saturday.

Forget a BSAL title for St. Mary's — that's up for grabs between John Swett (9-0, 4-0), St. Patrick (5-4, 3-1) and Piedmont (6-3, 3-1). John Swett and St. Patrick play tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Vallejo. Both the Indians and Bruins are 1A schools, so the outcome will have no effect on the 2A seeding meetings which will be held Sunday in Pleasanton.

If Piedmont defeats St. Mary's on Saturday, the Highlanders will be the top 2A representative in the league. Even

if the Highlanders lose to Piedmont coach Rusty Robb intend the seeding meetings.

"I'm planning to go," said after the Highlanders at Albany 21-2 last Friday. Asked if he'd go even if the Highlanders lost to Patrick Robb said, "Sure, but I'd go in at 7-3, rather than 7-4."

NEW COACHES: Wayne Horton, who coached junior varsity boys team last season, is the interim boys coach at St. Joseph Notre Dame. Former Piedmont player Bryan Gardner has taken over as head coach of the Highlanders girls volleyball team.

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Arts



THE LATE Richard Harris, with Daniel Radcliffe, are among the Hogwarts inhabitants in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

'Chamber of Secrets' still has magic

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

It's doubtful that any child, anywhere in the world, will be caught checking their watches during "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," Chris Columbus' charming, faithful adaptation of volume II in the J.K. Rowling series about the trials and tribulations of a British orphan with magical powers.

But adults may take a few peeks at their timepieces. Without the rush of newness on its side, "Chamber" drags a bit, especially toward the end. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" was exciting on the grounds that it brought Rowling's world to vivid, perfectly detailed, highly satisfying life. That thrill is not gone, but it is somewhat diminished by the fact that the cinematic realization is now as well-known to us as the books.

Having had a miserable sum-

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

■ **STARRING:** Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Kenneth Branagh, Robbie Coltrane, Richard Harris, Jason Isaacs, Alan Rickman, Maggie Smith

■ **RATING:** PG (scary moments, some creature violence and mild language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hour, 40 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B

■ **RELATED STORY:** The latest on "Harry," Page 16

mer at the Dursleys' house, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) is more than ready for his second year at Hogwarts School of Witch-

craft and Wizardry.

But someone or something doesn't want him back at the school, where there is a diabolical plan afoot. Dark forces hope to unlock a chamber hidden deep within the school and unleash a monstrous snake with the specific intention of having it attack and kill "Mudbloods."

In the wizard world, a witch or wizard who has one Muggle—or regular human being—for a parent, is considered a Mudblood, echoing the taunts used in the real world toward those of mixed race.

Harry's dear friend and classmate Hermione (the enchanting Emma Watson) is one of the most naturally gifted witches at Hogwarts, but she's also a Mudblood, a heritage that she's both defensive of and a little ashamed of.

As was the case with "Sorcerer's Stone," Columbus' cast-

ing choices are impeccable, remarkably in accord with Rowling's imagined beings. Kenneth Branagh joins the cast as the wildly egotistical Gilderoy Lockhart, Hogwarts' latest Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher.

Lockhart is already plenty vain on the page, but Branagh takes him to new heights of pomposity, and of humor. His dueling wand scene with Alan Rickman, who reprises his scene-stealing role as the baleful, possibly dangerous Professor Severus Snape, is a blast.

Jason Isaacs ("The Patriot") plays Lucius Malfoy, father of Hogwarts' resident bully, Draco Malfoy. Father and son share platinum tresses, a cold-eyed stare and a major mean streak. Isaacs fits into the Potter universe so smoothly, you almost forget he wasn't in the first movie.

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Creative East Bay theater openings

THE WEST COAST PREMIERE of Salman Rushdie's magical tale, "Haroun and the Sea of Stories," is Wednesday night, with previews tonight through Tuesday (no show Monday). The show runs through Jan. 7 at Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

The novel was written in 1990, when Rushdie's own freedom to tell stories was endangered. The play was adapted by Tim Supple and David Tushingham. Dominique Serrand of Minneapolis' Theatre de la Jeune Lune is directing.

The story follows the extraordinary adventures of a young boy in a quest to help his father, a famed storyteller, who has lost his ability to spin yarns. When Khatam-Shud, cult master of silence from the dark side of the moon, launches his plan to destroy the world's stories, it is up to the young boy to stop the destruction.

The play is aimed at audiences young and old. Parental discretion is advised for children under 12.

Rushdie will be in residence at Berkeley Rep during the preview performances. A Conversation With Salman Rushdie is set at 8 p.m. Monday, with journalist and producer Davia Nelson, in the Rep's Roda Theatre, at 2015 Addison St., next door to the Thrust Stage.

Admission to this event is free; no tickets are necessary, though seating is limited. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 510-647-2949.

FRAYN'S AT IT AGAIN: Also beginning previews at 8 tonight, in advance of next Thursday's opening: Michael Frayn's "Alarms and Excursions" at Aurora Theatre, 2081



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

Addison St., Berkeley. It plays through Dec. 22 under the direction of Soren Oliver.

The playwright of "Noises Off" hatches another batch of chaos with eight short plays exploring the premise that modern technology, meant to make life easier, actually exists to drive us bonkers. Call 510-843-4822.

RE-MAKING A CLASSIC: The re-making mission of Central Works, a Berkeley-based cooperative theater ensemble, is to "make plays," usually originals. For its current production of Molière's "Misanthrope" at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, the group has chosen to make a new play out of one of the best known works by one of the world's greatest comedy writers.

For the most part, Central Works has succeeded.

More Central Works than French grand master, "Misanthrope" is well-performed without intermission in the small but elegant confines of the City Club.

The conventional cast of 11 characters has been cut to three. Their names have been changed: Alceste (the misanthrope who hates or distrusts everybody) is now Alan, played by Darren Bridgett.

Philinte, his friend and rival in love, is now Phil (Roberto Robinson).

Célimène, the flirtatious



NORA EL SAMAHY is Haroun in Berkeley Rep's production of "Haroun and the Sea of Stories."

young court soubrette of the original, is now Celia, a 20-year-old widow whose wealthy 70-year-old husband died under mysterious circumstances that reflect suspiciously on the wife. Deborah Fink plays Celia.

Molière (pseudonym of Jean Baptiste Poquelin) wrote "Le Misanthrope" (1666) in rhymed couplets.

Besides dropping the "The" from the title of the original, Central Works decided to drop verse, a convention of the period, for crisp and trenchant straight-talk. It makes the themes more accessible.

All of these changes were hashed out in developmental

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EVENTS

STAGE

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY — "Alarms and Excursions" by Michael Frayn, Nov. 21 through Dec. 22. Eight short plays held together by the thread of modern technology. \$32 to \$38. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.com

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "THE RODA THEATRE" — "Haroun and the Sea of Stories" by Salman Rushdie, Nov. 20 through Jan. 7. The extraordinary adventures of a young boy on a quest to help his father, a famed storyteller who has lost the ability to tell stories. Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Nov. 20 and Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$10 to \$54. "An Evening with Salman Rushdie," Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Free

"Menocchio," by Lillian Garrett-Groag, through Dec. 22. The world premiere play about a miller tried during the inquisition for heresy. Nov. 15, Nov. 16, Nov. 22, Nov. 23, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 14 and Dec. 20, 8 p.m.; 7 p.m.; Nov. 21, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 12 and Dec. 21, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

\$42 to \$54; students and seniors half-off; \$16 under age 30. 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BRTix or www.berkeleyrep.org

CAL PERFORMANCES — "Medea," closing Nov. 24. A tale of spousal rage that spawns infanticide. Sightlines, Nov. 15 and Nov. 20. Pre and post performance discussions with guest artists and scholars

\$36 to \$56. Nov. 15, Nov. 19 through Nov. 22, 8 p.m.; Nov. 16, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Nov. 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Nov. 17 and Nov. 24, 3 p.m. Zellerbach Playhouse, University of California, Bancroft Way at Dana Court, Berkeley. 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu

CENTRAL WORKS — "Misanthrope" by Gary Graves, through Nov. 30. Based on the classic comedy by Molière about a man who hates the world

\$8 to \$18. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-558-1381

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash, closing Nov. 23. A traveling rainmaker brings rain and love to a parched town. \$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 6511 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132

IMPACT THEATRE — "Working for the Mouse" by Trevor Alton, closing Nov. 16. A comedy about one man's adventures as a Disney character.

\$12 general; \$7 students and seniors. The Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 510-464-4488 or www.impacttheatre.com

JULIA MORGAN THEATRE — "Lord of the Miracles," Nov. 15 and Nov. 16, 8 p.m. An Afro-Peruvian musical based on the ritual "El Señor de Los Milagros." Presented by De Rompe Y Raza Cultural Association.

\$15 to \$20. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300.

LA PENIA CULTURAL CENTER — "Who Moved My Vagina?" by Marga Gomez, Nov. 15 and Nov. 16, 8 p.m. A satirical look at pop culture.

\$16 to \$18 general; \$14 disabled persons. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-654-6346 or www.ticketweb.com

SHOTGUN THEATRE — "The Play About the Baby" by Edward Albee, Nov. 23 through Dec. 28. A mysterious Man and Woman visit a young couple who may or may not have had a baby, and all strands of reality become unloosed. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m. \$18 general; \$12 seniors and students; \$10 Thursdays.

"The Canadian Play," closing Nov. 19. Sexually confused American President James Sandwich is pushing his political agenda while his wife pursues her own cause - North American unification. \$10. Monday and Tuesday, 8 p.m.

La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. 510-704-8210, or www.shotgunplayers.org

TRANSPARENT THEATRE — "Eternity is in Love with the Productions of Time," through Dec. 8. A play drawing together the writings of poets and artists and examining the compulsion and courage that goes into making art.

\$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Pay-What-You-Care, Sundays, 7 p.m. NO SHOW NOV. 28, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheatre.org

WOMAN'S WILL — "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, closing Nov. 24. This all-female cast brings this trivial comedy for serious people to life.

\$15 to \$25 general; \$12 students and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. The Pardee Home, 672 11th St., Oakland. 415-567-1758 or www.womanswill.org

WORD FOR WORD — "Cannery Row," by John Steinbeck, Nov. 21 through Dec. 1. A tale about the quirky denizens at a sardine-canning town and their adventures.

\$25 adults; \$23 students and seniors. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300

POPULAR MUSIC

ASHKENAZ — The Slackers, Buffalo Soldier, The Phenomenaux, The Locals, Hebro, Nov. 15, 8 p.m. \$10. Alpha Yaya Diallo, Nov. 16, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

"A Night at the Casbah," Nov. 17, 7 p.m. \$7.

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Democrats Send message to the media

REPUBLICANS DIDN'T WIN control of the Senate. The clue: Democrats lost it. "Democrats from some liberal Republican columnist? They come from a liberal post-election columnist, a moderate-to-liberal New York Times' columnist, a moderate-to-liberal wrote a few salient points about this party-in-disarray. I'd seen a lot more of the press these past two

months again: "Throughout the year's campaign, Democrats to the president bang the war drums on Iraq and however he

calls to mind Sen. Dianne Feinstein's terse comments—they were the very words heard on KRON-TV the day after the election:

"The cacophony surrounding Iraq," she noted, "is hard to get anything out of the weak economy and to the people."

"The Iraq affair has all been primarily not about the public's attention on voting in line with pocketbooks."

"It worked. Say what you want about Bush, but he's got people know how to play the media game, and he's got a way to underestimate. Bush like a fox," wrote

her post-election editorialist. "For once, with Thomas on some-

thing Democratic opposition's weakness the past two years' curious reluctance to criticize the president, who seems to have escaped the attention of national news-

men seem to have had far more important things to report—Winona Ryder's trial, the shootings in D.C., the Blake's arrest, etc.

The Times' Herbert added: "There was a time when Democrats had some fire." He alluded to plain-spoken Harry

Reagan. "That was then. Now, Democrats proceed on tip-toes afraid they might be doing the wrong thing, vote the wrong way, get burned. The end of FDR and Truman has led into the party of

all the political shows on TV these days, why this has been discussed more

in a sad state of affairs than the only person who asked the president questions to his face

is octogenarian House reporter Helen Thomas, who bluntly asked him in his press conference

week why we're not also going North Korea, which has "mew-kew-lar" weapons, as the incumbent so

often (and regionally) it is especially worrisome when some of the high-profile criticism of a president comes from a cartoon

"Doonesbury." This world, where Pitt is gone. It's past time for Tom Daschle to bow out well, like Dick Gephardt last week.

An interview on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" after he resigned as House Majority Leader, Gephardt surprised me by using three words

that I hadn't heard a high-ranking politician utter in public in years: "personal health insurance."

Daschle (or Daschle) could have at least mentioned this phrase a few months ago; it might have changed the elec-

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Children

■ **Hall of Health, A Hands-On Health Museum**, features two puppet shows, at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at 2230 Shattuck Ave., (lower level). For children of all ages and their parents, "The Kids on the Block," the award-winning educational puppet troupe, includes puppets from diverse cultures and puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness, arthritis, Down Syndrome, leukemia, and spina bifida. The shows promote acceptance and understanding of physical, mental, medical, and cultural differences. The Hall of Health is a hands-on health museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Suggested donation: \$2. Children under three are free. For more information, call 510-549-1564.

■ **The East Bay School for Girls** will move to St. John's Presbyterian Church and Center at 2727 College Ave., in Berkeley. This new location is at the corner of Forest, two blocks north of Ashby, and will provide expanded classroom and outdoor play space for the growing number of EBSG students. The move will take place over the summer vacation. School opens in late August for the 2002-2003 academic year on the new campus. Details: 482-4444.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the

Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

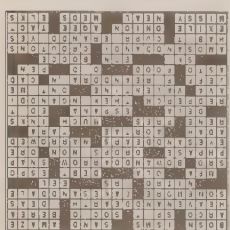
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■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

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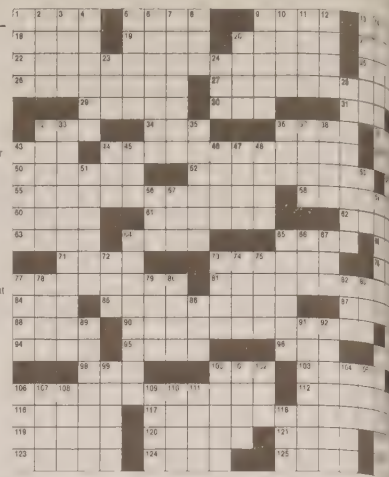
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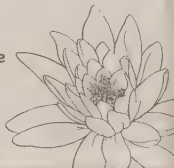
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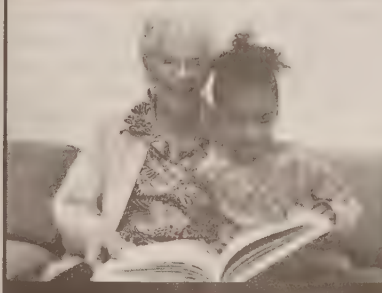
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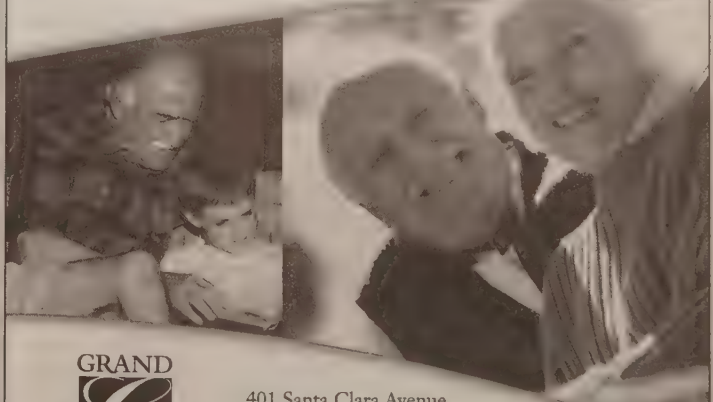
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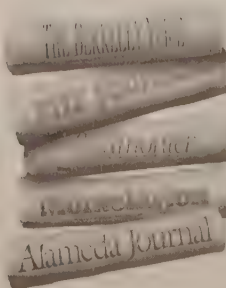
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Berkeley Camera Club meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 — the child-care room — parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

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Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief, 800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The Magnes Museum presents three new exhibitions in its Berkeley location, 2911 Russell St., through Feb. 16. The exhibits include "Hidden in the Walls: The time Capsule from San Francisco's Lost Sanctuary," "Stephanie Snyder: Hamakom (The Place)," and "Sharing the Screen: Israelis and Palestinians in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, 1981-2002." Admission: Suggested donation: \$4 adults; \$3 students and seniors. Museum members and children under 12 free. For more information, call 415-591-8800 or visit the Web site at www.magnesmuseum.org.

Artbeat Salon and Gallery, 1887 Solano Ave., has its grand opening from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 17. The opening features painting exhibits, sculptures, poetry, video and live music performances.

by several local artists. For more information, call 510-527-3100.

Berkeley and El Cerrito artists are featured in the nation's largest women's crafts fair Nov. 23-24 and Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Fort Mason, Festival Pavilion in San Francisco. The Berkeley artists include glassblower Holly Wallace, painter Lisa Hornor, Jeweler designers Carol Mortensen and Caramia Vialick, ceramist Daina Heisters, Sculptor Sharon Wheat, clothing designers Linda Letts and Hidegarde Wilson, woodworker Heidi Tanzer, egg shell artist Brooke Patterson, and creator of one-of-a-kind decorative, switch plates and functional objects, and jewelry designer Jayne Thomas. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 for seniors and free for children under twelve. A two-day pass is \$10. For Fort Mason Center is located at Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard. For more information, call 415-383-3470 or check out www.team-proevent.com.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., continues its exhibit "Ceramics Bay Area and Beyond," through Nov. 17. Gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 11 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 10 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 510-525-7621 or visit the Web site at www.sculptureestate.com.

The Richmond Museum of History continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during World War II. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at Fourth Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the

left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for information.

New Pieces Gallery on Solano Avenue shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370, \$8 - \$10.

Lecture/Workshop

Norwegian peace researcher and mediator Johan Galtung talks on "Creating Peace in a Post 9/11 World," at 5 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

information, visit the Web site at www.transcend.org or call Ingrid at 510-526-2900.

The Berkeley Camera Club meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 510-525-3565 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleycameraclub.org.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA. 94704.

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■ **"What is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Bookellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Praglio Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

■ **Emotions Anonymous:** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

■ **Millennia Educators Inc.,** a non-profit agency, requests volunteers as tutors in math and English Language Arts for 10th-12th graders in preparation for the exit exam. Free tutoring is offered from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Eastlake YMCA, 1412 45th Ave. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children or wards. Direct all inquiries to: 510-534-7441, ext. 181; 510-682-5155; e-mail to: info@millenniaeducators.org. Available also is free tutoring at Berkeley High School for the same category of students, two days a week, Tuesday And Thursday, starting at 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Details: 510-644-8524.

Literary Events

■ **Alice Walker** headlines a benefits for independent bookstore Boedecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave., Kensington, on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda at Solano, North Berkeley. Tickets are sliding scale starting at \$25. Reservations recommended. For more information, or tickets call 510-559-9184.

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer screens printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 844-6848 to set up a training session.

■ **The Albany Library** presents an Open Mike and featured Poet series on the first Thursdays and second Wednesdays of the month in the Edith Stone Room. The library is located at 1247 Marin Ave. and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Call Julie Winkelman at 510-526-3720 ext. 19 for more information.

Meetings

■ **Friendship Circle,** a Jewish club for older adults, meet 1:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for more information.

■ **Improve your speaking skills** by attending Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565.

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics** Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **Berkeley Toastmasters Club** meet monthly, the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1989 for details.

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For details call 848-6370.

■ **Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ **Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

■ **Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

■ **The Berkeley Communicators** Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

■ **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For details call 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

■ **Public speaking skills and metaphysics** come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 526-1235 for more information.

■ **State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment;** 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (415) 461-5337; \$20.

■ **Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis** Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous,** a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). Details: 273-9292.

■ **TOPS;** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Mann; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

■ **Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

■ **Cal Performances** presents the Czech Republic's foremost chamber ensemble, the celebrated "Prazak Quartet" at 3 p.m. Nov. 17, at UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall, 101 Zellerbach Hall. In the nearly 30 years since its founding, the musicians have come to be known for their intimate, confident, and intelligent playing style. The Quartet was formed in 1972 while its members were students at the Prague Conservatory. Tickets: \$38. Call 510-642-9988 for more information, or to charge by phone; at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu; and at the door.

■ **Festival Antiqua** presents "The Book of Travels—The Journey of Benjamin of Tudela, 1185-1173," at 8 p.m. Nov. 17-23. Location: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1501 Washington St., Albany. Multi-instrumental ensemble Caladris performs music from medieval Spain to classical India, retracing the journey of a twelfth-century rabbi from Navarre to the middle East and beyond, performed with singing and on more than a dozen exotic instruments. Cost: \$15 general, \$12 students, seniors, SFEMS, ARS. No advance tickets. Not wheelchair accessible. Call 510-486-2803 for more information.

■ **The Etude,** a musical study group, holds meetings at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street, at 1 p.m., fourth Mondays, September through May. December, the meeting changes to the third Monday. The club is open to both men and women, and includes both performer and non-performers. Additional information can be obtained by calling 510-531-6088 or 525-2808.

■ **Duckean Distones,** featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Gustinio on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

■ **Ashkenaz,** 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing:** 8 p.m.-11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other

lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Dance

■ **The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden,** 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

■ **Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds:** house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

■ **East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

■ **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - East Bay Chapter, (NAMI-East Bay),** sponsors a free support group for families of children with mental illness. The next meeting is from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Nov. 19, at Albany United Methodist Church, at 980 Stannage St., in Albany (at the corner of Marin Avenue, two blocks east of San Pablo Avenue.) The meetings offer parents and other family members a chance to talk, share information and get emotional support. The public is invited to take advantage of this program. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

■ **Arthritis Foundation,** Northern California Chapter Fibromyalgia Support Group meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 12 to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Media Center, Maffly Auditorium—Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. The next meeting is Nov. 19. Topic: "How to Improve Your Daily Functions," conducted by Alta Bates Staff. There is no meeting in December. For more information, call Deborah Rich at 510-644-3273. For Directions only, call Barbara Ridley 510-204-4503.

■ **Grandparent Support Group** meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the second Thursday every month at the Malcolm X Elementary Arts and Academics School, 1731 Prince St., room 105A Berkeley Grandparents, relatives can express their concerns and needs and receive support, information, and referrals for kinship care. For information, call Leni Siegal, MX Healthy Start Coordinator, 510-644-6517.

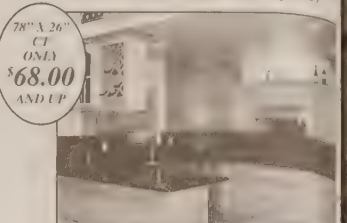
■ **Become a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor.** Building Futures with Women and Children is offering a state-recognized training for those interested in volunteering with battered women and children. Training is located at 1395 Bancroft Ave in San Leandro. Call 510-357-0205 ext. 110 for more information.

■ **The number of recent tragedies** both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior

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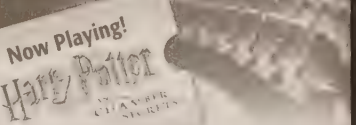
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Section D

Classic Classics: 1963 Jaguar XKE gets a total restoration [D2]



2003 CADILLAC DEVILLE has options that allow owner to have top-of-the line in quality and performance. Among its new features is a tire pressure monitor that can be read on the dashboard.

2003 Cadillac DeVille maintains stellar reputation

MOTOR MATTERS
For more than 50 years, Cadillac DeVille has been synonymous with innovation, quality, luxury and performance.

The 2003 model lives up to its reputation in all those categories. The innovations include such things as Night Vision, StabiliTrak and rear parking assist.

Although these features are not included in the \$48,055 base price, they are available for the person who wants to have top-of-the-line quality and performance. The options bring the total package to

\$56,745. DeVille's overall appearance underwent a major change for the 2000-year model, but there are new improvements on the current model.

They include Michelin — rather than Goodyear — tires, the addition of a couple of new colors, and enhanced sideview mirrors that feature a brightly lit arrow that blinks when the turn signals are on.

Cadillac added another thoughtful feature: A tire pressure monitor that can be read on the dash panel while driving.

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

The option that I enjoyed most was XM Satellite Radio.

I tuned into one of the 71 channels that featured recordings that I haven't heard in years, broadcast in compact disc quality. Best of all — no commercials.

Night Vision unobtrusively displays an image in front of the driver's vision and "sees" further down the road than the headlights shine.

Using thermal imaging, the system creates the outline of a warm body, in the roadway long before the headlights illuminate the person or animal.

Cadillac was a pioneer in yaw control and has not only offered StabiliTrak for years but has continuously improved upon it.

To avoid an accident, StabiliTrak automatically regains control of a car that is just about to spin out of control due to a sudden swerve.

In addition to this feature, my DTS model was equipped with CVRSS: Continuously Variable

Road-Sensing Suspension. Those two features alone gave me the feeling of security in a sedan loaded with safety precautions.

Even though my tester didn't include a navigational system, I had OnStar that I used for numerous purposes, including directions.

And it was comforting to know that should I be involved in an accident, roadside assistance or an ambulance is quickly available.

Safety and convenience aside,

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HEAD
Headrest designs
to reduce whiplash

MOTOR MATTERS
Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has found that some designs for head and seat restraints reduce neck injuries by as much as 50 percent.

It is still out on others. The latest look at real world rear-end collisions.

National Highway Safety Administration estimates that 100,000 neck injuries each year are caused by rear-end collisions.

Head restraints have been used in cars since 1969 to protect against whiplash injuries. Researchers at the institute found that the industry, has found most designs are either too high or too close to the back of the head to be effective.

There has been improvement. In 1995, when the institute began evaluating head restraints, 7 percent were rated "good" or "acceptable" on a scale that includes ratings of "marginally good." That number has risen to 44 percent.

Headrests are not based on weight but done by measuring the distance between the top of an occupant's head and the top of the head restraint.

A head restraint should be as high as the top of a person's head as close to the back of the head as possible.

So the restraint can reduce motion of the head.

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Pilot racks up the miles and collection of Jaguars

MOTOR MATTERS

When pre-teen Bill Kellenberger saw his first Jaguar on the streets of his hometown — Independence, Kan., he fell in love with the looks of Jaguars. Fifty years later, he still remembers: "It was a light green XK120 fixed-head coupe."

Ten years after that glimpse, Kellenberger was a U.S. Marine in officer candidate school. One weekend, he saw an XK120 roadster on a used-car lot, and was smitten.

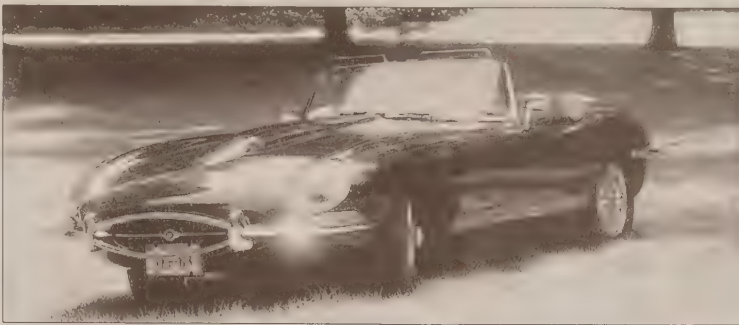
Without so much as a test-drive, or even a bit of tire kicking, he marched in and paid the full asking price. Four years later, in Santa Monica, Calif., he bought his second XK120.

In 1976, piloting jet airplanes for United Airlines, Kellenberger purchased his first Jaguar XKE roadster. The sleek XKE was introduced to the motoring public in 1961.

A report on the E-Type Jaguar in Car and Driver magazine offered this description: "There's something so sensual, so elemental in the appeal of that car that few men can resist its siren song. It's like that woman you used to love, the one you'd never waste another minute on."

"You can avoid her for months, but one night she calls and you'd crawl naked across three-hundred yards of flaming gasoline and broken bottles to get to her. Obviously, a car that can excite such primitive urges is bigger than a non-syncho first gear or bad oil consumption."

"I've owned several XKEs," Kellenberger acknowledges, "coups and mainly roadsters." A few four-door sedans can be added to the mix. The 1963 XKE roadster that currently graces Kellenberger's driveway was bought in 1980 from a retired airline pilot. "He swore that he had 'buried' the 160 mph speedometer," Kellen-



SECOND OWNER OF THIS 1963 Jaguar XKE completely restored/replaced the vehicle except for the rear end and opted to repaint it black.

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

berger says.

Tracing his car's lineage, Kellenberger knows that it left the Coventry factory in England and was first sold at the Peter Lindner dealership in Frankfurt, Germany.

How the car got to the United States a couple of years later is not known. However, the second owner bought it in 1965 and held it until Kellenberger became the third owner in 1980.

Two rows of 14 louvers march down the gracefully sloped hood to help the three SU-8 carburetors breathe as they feed fuel to the 3.8-liter, dual-overhead camshaft, six-cylinder engine.

One brief drive at the wheel of the 14-1/2-foot-long XKE prompted him to decide the car was a keeper. "That baby talks to you when it gets above

3,000 rpm," Kellenberger says.

In 1990, about a decade before he retired, Kellenberger started a total restoration, which took about five years. "I did all the work," he reports, "except the sewing and machine-shop work."

Records indicate that when the car left the factory it had a black top and interior with a light metallic blue exterior. Kellenberger prefers triple black with chrome accents, so that's how the car is today.

"The restoration was a complete rebuild-replacement of everything on the car except the 3.07:1 rear end."

"That 3.07:1 rear end is worth its weight in gold," Kellenberger says with enthusiasm. The standard XKE sold in the United States had a 3.54:1 rear end.

When new, the sleek 2,720-pound early 1960s Jaguar, with just 5-1/2 inches of ground clearance, carried a base price of \$5,595.

The 72-spoke chrome wheels were originally shod with 6.40x15-inch bias-ply tires, which have since been replaced with radials.

The front fenders and engine hood tilt forward as a unit for access to everything under the hood. Exposed are the black porcelain exhaust manifolds and stock-style stainless-steel exhaust pipes, mufflers and resonators.

The exhaust system is stock, with the exception of the main mufflers, which are enhanced by having been bored through. That improvement gives a much better "tone," he says. The Jaguar still sparkles like new, even though the restoration was completed eight years ago.

Since the engine was rebuilt, he has driven the car about 2,600 miles, about 350 miles annually. Whenever Kellenberger takes his black beauty out on sunny days for some exercise, he declares, "It doesn't get better than that."

in their entirety or backrest only.

The trunk is enormous with a very wide opening. It will hold loads of luggage, plus it has a net for keeping small packages in place.

The driver's seat has two memory seat positions, plus an exit position. Each time I entered, the seat was low and easy to get into. With the shoulder belts attached to the seat, there was no need to hunt around to buckle up. The adjustable headrests are high enough to do their job properly.

The instrument panel is clear and understandable, and messages concerning performance or maintenance are easy to read. What's most interesting about the DeVille, however, isn't seen, but can be felt simply by de-

pressing the accelerator pedal.

Another area of quality and performance is the Northstar engine. The

performance produced by this 4.6-liter V8 engine is a perfect complement to the name DeVille.

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Curb Weight . . . 4,044 pounds
Fuel Capacity . . . 18 gallons
Mileage . . . City/highway 18/27
Strong Feature . . . Ride
Weak Feature . . . Nothing worth mentioning

Keene

FROM PAGE D1

what made my tester an enjoyable vehicle was the quality of the comfortable ride. This full-size solid black sedan standing on highly polished 17-inch wheels gave the DeVille a stately appearance. That impression was reinforced when I sat in the Eagle Ottawa seats said to be made from the finest leather available.

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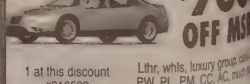
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The study compared claims for certain models with the new designs with claims for similar models before the new designs were introduced.

Saab's "active" head restraint uses a mechanism in the seatback to push the head restraint up and toward the back of the head in a rear-end collision. This design is also used in some General Motors and Nissan models.

The new survey found a 43-percent reduction in neck injury claims rates in the following models with the active restraint versus earlier models without the active restraint: Buick LeSabre, Infiniti QX4 (4WD model) and Q45, Pontiac Bonneville, Saab 9-3 and 9-5.

One of the easiest ways to improve head restraints is to make them taller and closer to the backs of most people's heads. Ford has done this in the 2000 to 2002 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable models.

The insurance institute found an

18 percent reduction in neck injuries in these models, but warned there were not enough claims to make the findings statistically significant.

Two other automakers have focused on seatback design in an attempt to reduce whiplash injuries. Volvo uses a specially designed hinge at the bottom of the seatback, allowing it to move rearward to reduce the forward acceleration of the torso.

The survey of insurance claims for the Volvo S70 found a 49 percent reduction in neck injury claims with the new seats, although there

were not enough claims to make the finding statistically significant.

Toyota's seats allow a person's body to sink farther into the seatback during a rear impact. The vehicles in the study, the Toyota Avalon and the Lexus LS 430, showed a slight increase (15 percent) in neck injury claim rates, but again the insurance institute said there were too few claims for the results to be statistically significant.

Toyota takes exception with the findings. "This is a study of change in protection, rather than

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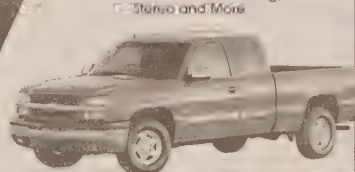
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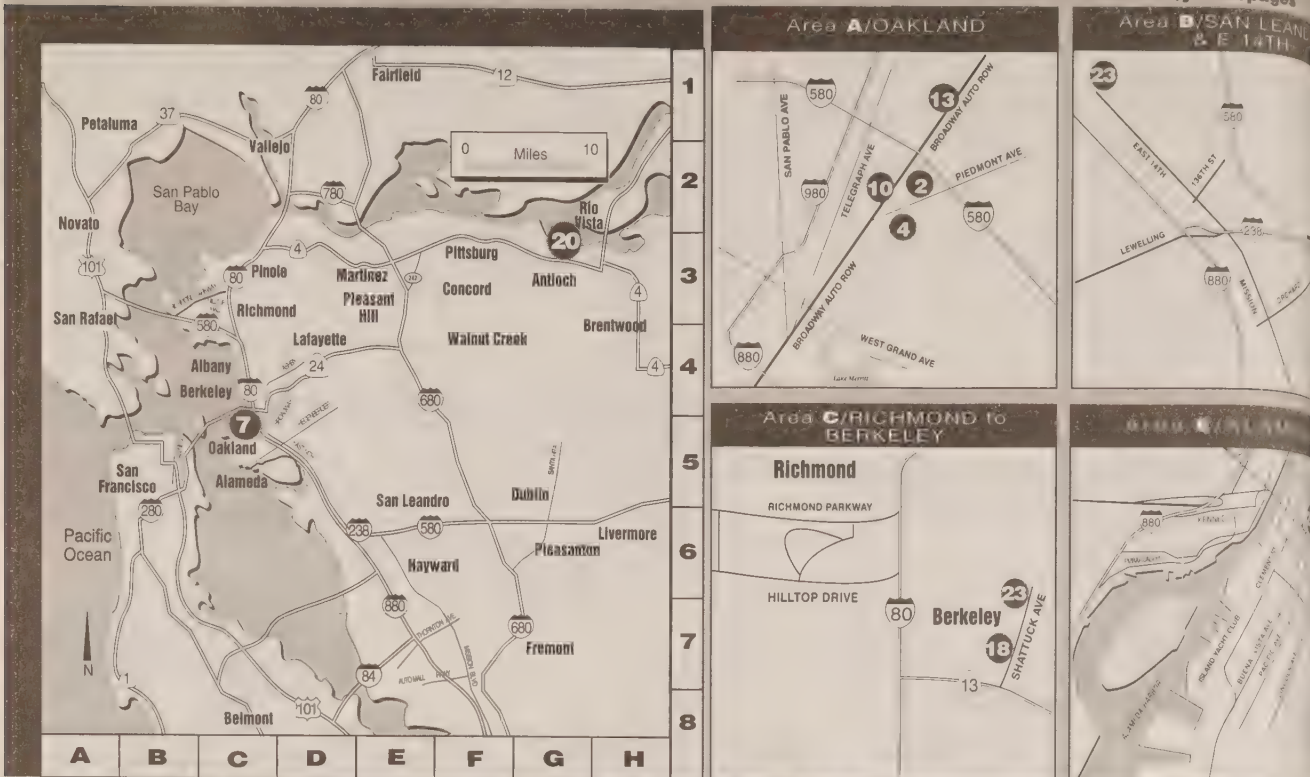
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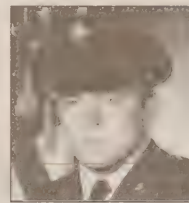
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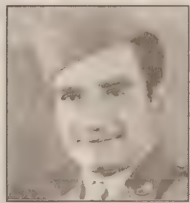
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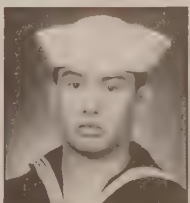
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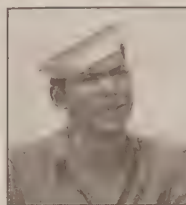
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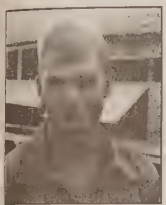
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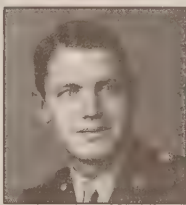
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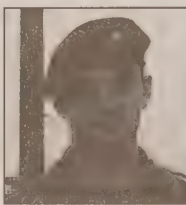
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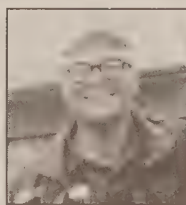
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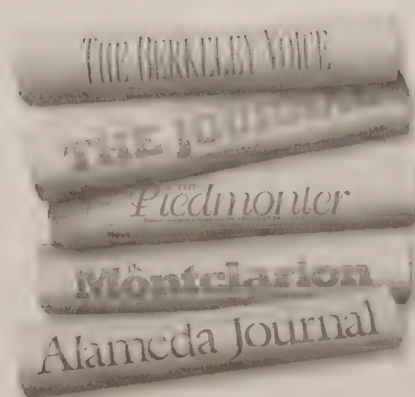
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Alameda Hospital is an acute care facility complete with state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment services located in the center of the island city of Alameda. Serving the community for over 100 years, Alameda Hospital provides a broad range of services including a 24-hour Emergency Care Center, acute and post-acute inpatient services, outpatient care, and community wellness programs. Our dedicated and highly skilled medical staff and health care professionals provide exceptional care and personalized patient services. Comprehensive health care programs and easy access to services are designed to enhance the health and well being of those we serve.

On April 9, 2002, the voters of Alameda approved by more than 2/3 majority, the formation of The City of Alameda Health Care District. The passage of this measure is an indication of the support from our community, and will allow us to continue to provide quality health care, close to home.

Alameda Hospital is fortunate to have a highly skilled workforce dedicated to serving our patients and the community. Many of our employees

have been with the hospital for a large portion of their careers. Our most recent data show that 53% of our employees have been with the hospital for 10 or more years while 26% have been with the hospital for 20 or more years. These employees are dedicating their professional lives to the people of Alameda. Over the years our employee turnover rate has been well below national and state averages. This in large part because Alameda is a wonderful community to serve, and Alameda Hospital has been recognized by that community as providing compassionate, personalized and quality care.

Given the shortage of health care professionals, the best and most effective way for Alameda Hospital to serve the community with skilled and dedicated personnel is to attract and retain those qualified and dedicated employees that we already have. Some of the ways we do that include:

- We offer low nurse-patient ratios.
- Competitive wages and benefits.
- Developing clear performance standards and effective performance evaluations.
- Excellent supervision and management to create a supportive

working environment that promotes excellence inpatient care.

- Creating an environment of mutual respect where physicians, professional employees, support staff and volunteers value the contribution that each makes to the care and treatment of our patients and their loved ones.
- Regular employee events such as barbecues, ice cream socials, a night at the A's.
- Recognizing excellent performance and commitment to the community and our patients. The hospital's recognition programs include periodic recognition of those employees who are favorably mentioned in patient questionnaires or by their fellow employees or visitors.

As Alameda Hospital moves into the 21st century, we will maintain our commitment to excellence through new technology, personalized care and expertise in order to deliver quality health care to our community.

Opportunities abound for nurses with the Veterans Administration

The VA, Northern California Center for Rehabilitation Extended Care, Martinez offers opportunities for very extensive rehabilitation experience. Also has cognitive development LTC patients. We have Sub-Acute unit with LTC facility. Benefits galore! Funds are available for tuition reimbursement. Guaranteed a 40 hour work schedule, 4 weeks minimum of vacation paid holidays and 13 paid sick days. Incomparable retirement augmented by a 401K program.



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What makes the John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System so unique? Some would say it's the caring and compassion of our employees. Others would say it's our cutting edge technology which promotes safer patient care. Or maybe it's the welcoming, family feeling you get when you walk in the door. Perhaps it's the fact that we ranked #1 and #2 in consumer preference. Or the innovative educational and career pathing opportunities we offer.

Whatever your reason for choosing John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System, you reap the benefits of our commitment to excellence.

Embracing change and innovation in our advanced approaches to comprehensive patient care, John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System has created an exceptional environment,

allowing you to nurture your career while enjoying the benefits of a high tech, high touch organization. We offer ongoing education, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, and a dedication to patients, employees and our community.

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With the competitive nature of healthcare today, benefits play a bigger role than ever when it comes to making a career choice. Recognize the importance of comprehensive employee benefits. John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System has developed a program designed to meet our employees' needs. Above and beyond the basic medical/life/dental/disability insurance and retirement programs, John Muir/Mt. Diablo offers benefits within 30 days of hire, a Student Loan Forgiveness Program, Tuition Reimbursement, Relocation Assistance, and a Lift Team to meet our staff.

If you are a New Grad or Returning RN, come learn about our Training Programs. John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System boasts a custom Clinical Nurse Internship Program, a proven track record. Our 8-week training program offers a supportive learning environment. Upon completion of the program, you will be assigned an experienced mentor/preceptor who will guide you through the transition from novice to professional nurse. We offer you a large variety of specialty areas to foster a collegial environment where all members of the team are valued.

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PriMed Medical Management and Consulting Services, Inc. the company that manages Hill Physicians Medical Group

Hill Physicians is one of the largest medical groups in the country and has been rated among the top performing medical groups in California. Set in the commute-friendly, rolling hills of San Ramon, PriMed offers a wide variety of career opportunities in a family-friendly business-casual work environment, unique to making a positive difference in how health care is extended to the communities we serve.

PriMed and Hill Physicians are continuously improving the access and quality of care for its HMO members and actively streamlining the business processes for their 2,000 participating physicians. Hill Physicians is nationally recognized as a leader and an innovator in the health care sector. For example, PriMed and Hill are in the forefront of progressive actions to compensate network physicians through pay for performance initiatives. PriMed employees support Hill's efforts through state-of-the-art application of technology and by providing a variety of services to physician offices and health plan members.

Employees at PriMed enjoy a business-casual work environment. Many work schedules are flexible, as employees can structure work hours to meet and beat the challenges of commute time traffic or family obligations. While the work environment is casual, work processes and systems are cutting edge. Our Customer Services Call Center and Claims Processing employees meet or

exceed industry standards for performance. Technology professionals find challenging and creative projects in mainframe, application development and telecommunications fields. We are proud of the capabilities of our finance and human resources professionals. Nurses, pharmacists, and other clinicians apply their clinical backgrounds to rewarding work. And PriMed prides itself on providing staff to support and act as liaison with our network physicians and their office staff. We strive to achieve success through providing superior service to all that rely on us.

PriMed employees mirror the diversity in our communities: over 40% of our employees are of minority heritage. They enjoy choices from a full array of health and welfare benefits, including health, dental, life, accidental death and dismemberment, and vision insurance. PriMed provides a 401(k) plan and in 2003 will make access to a 529 college savings plan available to its employees.

In many ways, PriMed offers a blend of the feel of a high-tech organization with the stability offered by a well-established company. Established in San Ramon in 1981 as a three person effort, PriMed now has 360 employees who participate en masse in an annual summer picnic lunch, Halloween party, holiday gathering and all-employee meetings and discussions. Office doors are open, open work spaces

proliferate, and once hired, one is rapidly adopted into the PriMed family. "Fun" and "work" are not mutually exclusive concepts at PriMed. Our employees work hard and take immense professional pride in their contributions to our mission. Perhaps most important for many, however, is the fact that the culture supports the notion that there is "life after work". At the end of their workday, PriMed employees find ample time to spend with family, pursuing a wide variety of individual interests and giving back to our communities through participation with many charitable organizations. Our mission is to positively shape the future of health care. Our practice is providing a professionally rewarding workplace for our employees.

Long term health care

HCR ManorCare is a leading provider of long term health care in Walnut Creek, with first class facilities and increasingly integrated services, including specialty and rehabilitation programs. We're committed to finding, developing and retaining good people. We realize that our people are our most valuable asset. To provide the best possible services to our residents and patients, we need to employ dedicated, motivated and highly skilled employees. That's why we try to create a work environment that takes our employees' needs to heart. If you have a strong commitment to your

profession... to quality... and to caring, we'd like to discuss HCR ManorCare's employment opportunities with you. We believe we have a lot to offer and after talking to us, we think you'll agree!

To ensure the highest level of care for our patients and residents, we know we need to attract the best professionals in the health care industry. Our company's philosophy and benefit package is designed to do just that!

Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice honors national hospice month

November is National Hospice Month and this year Concord based Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice will join thousands of hospice agencies across America in celebrating. The theme selected by National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization is "Hospice Care in America: Comfort and Compassion When It's Needed Most." The campaign serves as a means of educating members of the community about choices in end-of-life care available. It is also a time to show appreciation for the very special care that hospice professionals and volunteers offer to patients and their families that are coping with one of life's most challenging transitions.

During National Hospice Month, Heartland will raise awareness in our community, honor and support our patients and families, and recognize the contributions of the professionals and volunteers who help provide hospice care.

Heartland's hospice care provides people who are near the end of their lives with family-centered, quality care, that emphasizes compassion, independence, respect, and dignity. Hospice program has emerged as a successful model of care that helps terminally ill individuals achieve practical, physical, psychological, and spiritual goals. According to the National Hospice

and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), in 2001, an estimated 3,200 operating hospice programs in the United States admitted about 775,000 patients. Hospice care relies upon a team of committed physicians, nurses, medical social workers, therapists, counselors, and volunteers. This team provides medical services that are designed to improve the comfort of the patient, manage symptoms, provide proper nutrition, and deal with other difficulties such as emotional distress and grief. Hospice care also provides important emotional and spiritual support to families and friends as they cope with their impending loss.

Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice has planned various events throughout November to share information on topics such as: the benefits of hospice, searching for quality care, and knowing when the time is right to consider hospice care for a loved one.

Located at 1070 Concord Ave. #270, Heartland Hospice is owned and operated by Toledo-based HCR ManorCare, an integrated health care provider with broad capabilities in long term, assisted living, Alzheimer's care, specialty, sub acute, rehabilitation, and home health and hospice services.

Some Basic Facts About Hospice in General

What is Hospice?

Hospice stems from the idea of offering hospitality to those on a long journey. Hospice care involves a team of professionals and volunteers who provide medical, psychological, and spiritual support for the terminally ill and assistance to their families, focusing on pain management and symptom control.

What Are the Advantages of Hospice Care?

- Hospice treats the person instead of the disease. Hospice puts emphasis on the family and not just the individual.
- Hospice care allows terminally ill patients to experience the end of life with family members in the comfort and security of a home or homelike setting.
- Hospice provides a team of skilled, knowledgeable physicians, nurses, home care aides, social workers, spiritual caregivers, counselors, and volunteers
- Hospice care is a cost-effective alternative to services provided in hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutional settings

What Services Do Hospices Provide?

Hospice programs offer support, care and comfort to

terminally ill patients in the final stages of life and as their families. Hospice is provided either in the home or within an assisted living or skilled nursing facility and includes palliative care by hospice professionals, counseling for patient and family as well as professional support. Registered nurses, therapists, dietitians, social workers are available to meet all the patient's health care needs.

Who is Eligible for Hospice?

Hospice is available to all terminally ill individuals and their families. A person is eligible for hospice under the Medicare hospice benefit once he or she has been certified by a physician as having a life expectancy of six months or less.

Who Pays for Hospice Care?

Hospice services are covered by Medicare, the Medicaid programs of 41 states, and most private insurance and managed care plans. In addition, military personnel and dependents can receive hospice care under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). Hospices rely heavily on grants and community support to fund services for patients with little or no insurance.

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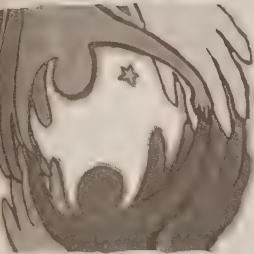
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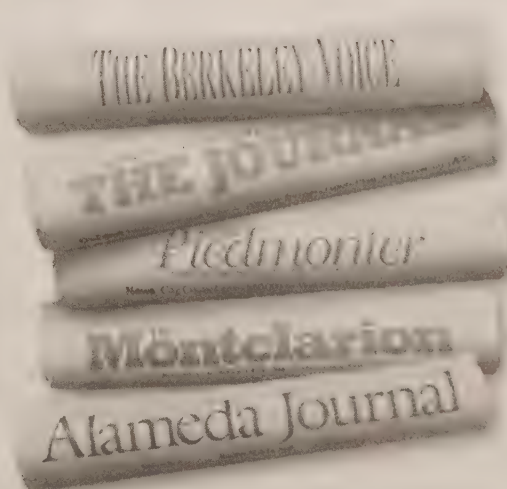
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Carbonara revisited

BY EMILY GREEN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

It's wrong to fall in love with spaghetti carbonara in the early '80s. We did it because it was a block of aged Parmesan and a block of aged eggs and then shaken.

We were innocent. We kept our sauce as not, we substituted eggs for the cream of Alfredo, exchanging a heavy one. As we did to the noodles, we cooked spaghetti at the time a done strand was then rinsing this flogged pasta water. Your honor, the mercy of the court. We were innocent.

An Italian chemist Marcella, so beloved even to call her Marcella. Her series of books on Italian cooking started in the 1970s and went through the '80s and '90s. Americans to the Italian food that Italians actually recognize.

My heart with spaghetti. She offered a recipe different from the heavy, American standard, but a skeptical eyebrow was connected by Italians to a service men yearning for a pasta syn- with restaurants that had been on the menu and "My

Way" on the jukebox.

If fashion wasn't hard enough on spaghetti carbonara, do-gooders weighed in. Health officials began to rumble ominously about perils posed by fresh eggs, and dietitians stepped up scolding about the deleterious effects of fat and salt. Carbonara was not just out — it was, we were led to believe, out to get us.

Ah, if only a steaming plate of it would mug me this very minute. I can think of no better food. That an entire generation has missed out on the dish seems unfathomable, faintly criminal, every bit as wrong as the worst excesses inflicted on the dish by my own generation and my parents' before Hazan came along. If any food got a bum rap, spaghetti carbonara is it. If any dish deserves rehabilitation, a glorious new vogue, this is it.

First, forget the stuff about it being heavy. It's a light dish, light enough to have been a traditional starter. Moreover, food poisoning from the eggs is the remotest of risks, unless the cook cracks the eggs hours before making it, then leaves them sitting around.

But spaghetti carbonara isn't a dish for newborns, convalescents or people who have a fearful relationship with food. It's for food lovers. It's food best eaten warm, right from the stove, in the kitchen, as dinner for two. The preparation of spaghetti carbonara could not be more congenial. It comes replete with its own dynamism, its own tantalizing tempo and heady succession of good smells.

Always start by setting out a large pot of water on the stove. It will be boiling by the time you need it. By the time the cork is squeaking in the Chianti bottle or some robust tannic red — a food wine — the air should be moist, with steam running down the windowpanes. As



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DONE RIGHT spaghetti carbonara is light and delicious, not heavy.

your guest swirls the first taste of wine, you are tossing out the garlic from the infused oil and adding the pancetta.

Your guest suddenly looks wolfish. For mercy's sake, give the guest some olives! Better yet, hand over the watercress so the guest can pluck off the stems and drop the leaves into a bowl for quick tossing with olive oil and red wine vinegar. Served as a main course, the only thing you'll need with spaghetti carbonara is a side dish, or palate cleanser, of a watercress salad. Arugula works too. But not lettuce. It needs to be a peppery green.

The pancetta's ready. The pars-

ley is chopped. You cut a slice of Parmesan for your guest to nibble, then hand him the grater, the Parmesan and the Romano. This second cheese, the slightly sharp sheep's milk answer to Parmesan, will give the dish some piquancy.

You've got a steaming pot to check. You raise the lid, making sure the water level is still high. Pasta needs room to cook properly. You add a dramatic dash of salt, which causes the water to roll — you feel like a magician. It subsides, and you slip in the pasta and adjust the heat so the pot doesn't boil over. Most important, you stir it with a long-handled spoon and

set the lid at an angle for the steam to escape.

Now you crack your eggs into a serving dish — Hazan prefers a flat ceramic roasting dish to a bowl; easier to toss. You add the grated cheese, the parsley and the pepper, tell your guest a story, listen and laugh. Reheat the pancetta that you've deglazed with a splash of white wine. Toss back the last of your first glass of wine.

It's time to check the pasta. Fish out a strand. Look at it. The change in color is so distinct, from wheat gold to translucent amber, you'll always know a done noodle by its hue from this day forward.

Now comes the theater, the draining of the pasta. You give the dog a nudge — the big dope should not be napping in the path between stove and sink. As you drain the pasta, you don't leave it to sit. You decant it quickly from the strainer to the serving tray with the eggs, and toss. The water trapped in the noodles will loosen the mix.

Just as the cheese smells rise, you add the bacon. Your guest might faint with anticipation, but because there are only two of you, in only seconds your plates are full, your wineglasses are full, you are

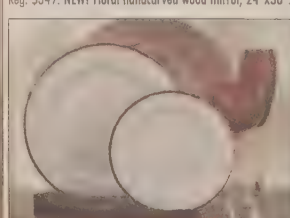
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Make a lighter pumpkin apple streusel muffin

BY ELAINE MAGEE

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q Dear Recipe Doctor, do you have a lower calorie festive muffin recipe that includes flaxseed? I've been using some of your other muffin recipes, too.

A So, you would like to add a "fall" muffin to the line-up? How about a Pumpkin Apple Streusel Muffin? The streusel makes it a bit more time-consuming to bake, but it makes it seem that much more special too.

The original recipe called for 2 ½ cups of white flour, I substituted ½ cup of flour for ground flaxseed. I then decreased the sugar from 1 ¾ cups to 1 cup to make this more of a muffin and less of a cookie. I used 1 egg and ¼ cup egg substitute instead of 2 eggs and replace 10 tablespoons of oil with 3 tablespoons of canola oil and 6 tablespoons of reduced calorie pancake syrup.

I also used melted butter to make the streusel topping instead of hard butter and was able to get

by with 1 tablespoon instead of 3. All this brought the calories from 248 to 176 and the fat from 9 grams to 4, saturated fat went from 5.5 to .9, cholesterol from 46 to 13, and

THIS LOWER CALORIE, festive pumpkin apple streusel muffin includes flaxseed and can be made year-round.

fiber increased from 1 gram to 2.5! I love to make these muffins year-round. The apple in the muffins and the streusel topping complement the pumpkin perfectly. If you don't want to add flaxseed, just add ½ cup of whole wheat flour or white flour instead.

Original recipe contains 248 calories, 9 g fat, 5.5 g saturated fat, 46 mg cholesterol and 1 g fiber per muffin.

PUMPKIN APPLE STREUSEL MUFFINS

2 cups unbleached or all-purpose flour
½ cup ground flaxseed
1 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg, lightly beaten
¼ cup egg substitute (2 egg whites can be substituted)
1 cup canned pumpkin puree
3 tablespoons canola oil
6 tablespoons reduced calorie pancake syrup or maple syrup

2 cups finely chopped peeled and cored apple (about 2 apples)
Streusel Topping:
2 tablespoons unbleached or all-purpose flour
¼ cup white sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon melted butter
■ Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly coat 18 muffin cups with canola cooking spray or use paper liners.

■ In a large bowl, blend together 2 cups flour, flaxseed, 1 ½ cups sugar, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt. In a mixing bowl, beat together egg, egg substitute, pumpkin, canola oil, and pancake syrup. Add flour mixture to mixing bowl; beating on low just until blended. Fold (or beat in on low speed) the finely chopped apples. Spoon batter into prepared

muffin cups.
■ In a small bowl, mix 2 tablespoons flour, ¼ cup white sugar and ½ teaspoon melted butter over the blend with fork until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Topping evenly over muffins using a teaspoon measure.
■ Bake until toothpick inserted into muffin comes out clean (35 minutes).
■ Makes 18 muffins

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CARAMEL POPCORN recipe contains almost half the calories and when 75 percent less fat than the original recipe on www.recipes.com.

Lighter caramel popcorn hits the spot

BY ELAINE MAGEE

KNIGHT RIDER/RTT BUREAU NEWS SERVICE

Q. I was just wondering if you had a lower fat way of making caramel popcorn or if it is even possible. It's a family favorite around this time of year and if I can trim back some calories, all the better.

A. I found a recipe for Caramel Popcorn on the www.allrecipes.com Web site, but not just any recipe. This was the No. 1 rated dessert recipe on their site. Kind of makes you think maybe you shouldn't mess with it then, doesn't it? Actually, those are exactly the recipes I revel in lightening!

The recipe called for 2 sticks (1 cup) of butter, I cut it down to half a stick (1/4 cup). I thought maple syrup or reduced calorie pancake syrup would work best as a fat replacement, so I reduce the brown sugar called for from 2 cups to 1 to compensate for the added sweet calories from the maple syrup. This lower butter Caramel mixture seemed to boil just like the original recipe described.

Now, on to the popcorn. The original recipe called for 4-5 quarts of popped popcorn (most likely popped with oil). I used the really low fat plain

microwave popping corn (the Paul Newman brand) so it would be easy to pop but wouldn't have all the extra salt and flavorings that the microwave popcorn typically contains. You could use air popped popcorn if desired.

Put the two together (caramel syrup and popcorn) and bake it and you've got yummy, crispy (but not too crispy) caramel popcorn that contains almost half the calories and more than 75 percent less fat than the original recipe!

In some families fall is synonymous with Caramel Popcorn. If you like chewy caramel popcorn, bake it a little less keep in mind it hardens a little as it cools. If you like nuts in your caramel popcorn, just sprinkle some of your favorite nuts over the top after the first 30 minutes, stir, and finish baking as

directed (macadamia nuts and whole pecans would probably work well).

LIGHTER CARAMEL POPCORN

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup reduced calorie pancake syrup, maple syrup, or regular pancake syrup
- 1 cup light or dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 16-20 cups of plain popped popcorn (If using microwave popcorn, choose the 96% fat free, plain type)

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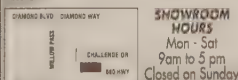
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Date-nut bread from a coffee can

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Q I wonder whether you have the old recipe for date-nut bread that is baked in a coffee can. I would greatly appreciate a copy of it. — Joan Omalley, Wilmette, Ill.

A This recipe from my paternal grandmother's files is a family holiday tradition that can be baked in any size can. Use a greased and floured empty 1-pound coffee can to bake one loaf, or use smaller (14 1/2-ounce) empty vegetable and fruit cans to bake three smaller loaves. Those of us in the test kitchen who no longer buy coffee in cans liked the idea of the mini-loaves that fill three purposes with one recipe: Serve a loaf, freeze a loaf, and give one as a gift.

You also can use this recipe to bake a traditional loaf in a buttered and floured 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Or convert your favorite loaf recipe into mini-loaves by dividing the batter among three cans.

ORANGE ZEST DATE-NUT BREAD

1 package (8 ounces) pitted dates, cut into small pieces
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
Zest from 1 large orange
2 cups flour plus 2 tablespoons
1 teaspoon each: baking powder, baking soda, salt
1 cup sugar
1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter, softened
1 egg
1 cup orange juice

■ Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dates, pecans and orange zest in a small bowl; stir in 2 tablespoons of the flour to coat fruit and nuts. Set aside. Stir together 2 cups of the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl; set aside.

■ Beat together sugar and butter in bowl of electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes; beat in the egg. Add 1/2 cup of the flour mixture to the sugar and butter mixture; beat in 1/4 cup of the orange juice. Repeat, alternating flour with orange

juice, beating well after each addition. Stir in dates and nuts.

■ Spoon the batter into 3 greased and floured 14 1/2-ounce cans, filling each can 3/4 full. Place

on a baking sheet; bake until puffed and golden and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 50 minutes. Let cans cool on rack 5 minutes. Invert cans to remove bread; cool bread completely on wire rack.

Preparation time: 20 minutes; cooking time: 50 minutes; makes 3

loaves, about 3 servings each.

Ginger Inquiries

Readers have asked how to store fresh ginger, so many recipes call for only a small amount grated or minced, leaving an unused but perfectly good chunk. There are many possibilities. Suggestions from the Good Eating staff included storing

peeled ginger submerged in covered glass jar filled with sherry, Cognac or even gin. You also can wrap ginger tightly in plastic in the refrigerator, crimping the bagging and freezing ginger.

See GINGER Page



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SAVE A FEW CANS and you can portion your favorite quick-bread batter among them, making perfectly sized loaves for gifts.

Caramel

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two very large shallow baking dishes with foil (non-stick foil would be best). Place popped popcorn in very large bowl.

■ In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and stir in pancake syrup, brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Once it is still boiling while you are stirring, stop stirring and let it boil over medium heat (undisturbed) for 4 minutes.

■ Remove it from the heat and stir in baking soda and vanilla extract. Pour the syrup in a thin stream

all over the popcorn and stir to coat all the popcorn well. Distribute the caramel popcorn between the two prepared baking dishes.

■ Place the baking dishes in the oven and bake for about 45 minutes (maybe an hour depending on your oven), stirring every 15 minutes. Remove from oven and let it cool completely before breaking into pieces.

■ Makes at least 16 cups.

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1/2 pound pancetta, cut in 1/2-inch-thick slices, or its equivalent in good slab bacon

4 cloves garlic
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 1/4 pounds spaghetti
2 eggs
1/2 ounce freshly grated Romano cheese
2 ounces freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
Salt
Bring a large pot of salted water to boil.
Meanwhile, cut the pancetta or bacon into strips not quite 1/4-inch wide.
Lightly mash the garlic with a knife handle, enough to split the cloves and loosen the skin; discard the skin. Place the garlic and olive oil in a skillet and turn the heat to medium-high. When the garlic turns a deep gold, about 2 minutes, remove it and discard.
Place the strips of pancetta or bacon in the pan and cook until they just begin to crisp at the edges, stirring often, about 5 minutes. Add the wine and let it bubble away for 1 to 2 minutes, then turn the heat off.
Add the spaghetti to the boiling

water, and cook until al dente, about 8 to 10 minutes. Drain.

Break the eggs into the serving bowl in which you'll be tossing the pasta. Beat them lightly with a fork, then add the Romano and Parmigiano-Reggiano, a liberal grinding of pepper and the chopped parsley. Mix thoroughly.

Add the spaghetti to the bowl and toss rapidly, coating the strands well. Briefly reheat the pancetta or bacon over high heat, turn the entire contents into the bowl of

spaghetti and toss thoroughly again. Serve at once. Makes six servings.

Active work and total preparation time: 20 minutes.

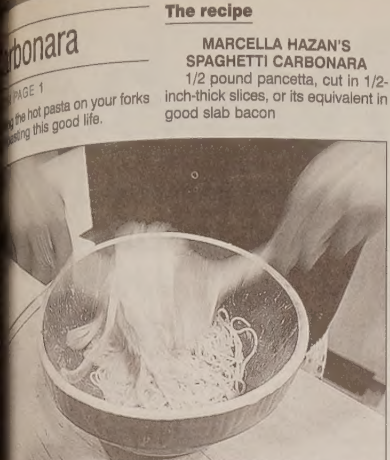
Note: Although many recipes call for uncooked eggs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has found them to be a potential carrier of food-borne illness and recommends that infants, the elderly and immunocompromised people avoid raw eggs.

Ginger

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you to grate it, still frozen, for recipes in which the slightly softer texture of frozen ginger does not matter.

In "The Encyclopedia of Herbs, Spices and Flavorings," Elizabeth Ortiz recommends wrapping the unpeeled root in paper towels and sealing it tightly in plastic wrap before refrigerating for several weeks.



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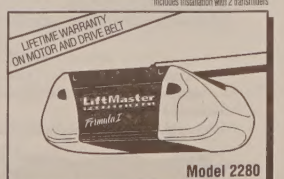
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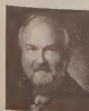
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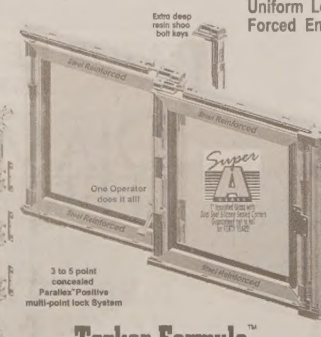
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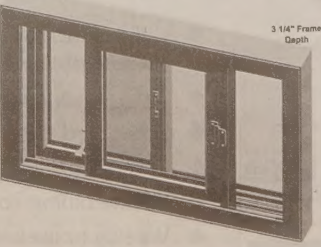
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